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# The Editor's Page

## It Could Happen in Your Club

The Los Angeles Club for the Deaf narrowly escaped being the scene of a fatal tragedy when one of its members, attempting to quell a fight that broke out between unwelcome peddlers in the club premises, was stabbed in the stomach with a knife wielded by one of the participants in the fight.

Despite promiscuous notices that peddlers were not allowed in the club, a group of peddlers entered the club Saturday night, September 20th, and proceeded to make themselves very much at home. Imbibing freely at the club's bar their tempers rose until suddenly a fight broke out among them. This was promptly quieted. At closing time as they were leaving the hall a fight broke out again and it was necessary to call the police. When the police arrived things had once more quieted down so the police left but within five minutes they were at it again. At this juncture club members interfered in an attempt to put an end to it all. In the melee five persons were injured, all of them requiring treatment at the hospital.

Picture this happening at YOUR club. The chances are that such an incident is very likely to happen anywhere. Clubs that tolerate the presence of peddlers in their premises are exposing their members and guests to possible physical harm in doing so.

The peddlers have read the writing on the wall and they will stop at nothing from now on. The vigorous campaign being waged by the National Association of the Deaf is beginning to produce results. Savage retaliatory practices such as those employed in the Los Angeles Club are every indication that the peddlers know their game is up. It is up to every club to take steps at once to prevent a recurrence of the Los Angeles episode in their own halls.

Any club that openly admits peddlers to its premises is openly courting trouble for itself and its members. The welfare and well being of its members should be every club's chief aim. There is no time to reason things out with the peddling clan—they have no reason of their own. One thing can be done and that is **THROW 'EM OUT.**

The National Association of the Deaf has always believed that our clubs should not admit peddlers to their premises. Our files recount numerous instances of harm being done to innocent deaf people by unscrupulous peddlers with whom they became acquainted at their clubs. The club is at fault when it does not do everything within its powers to protect its members.

Brawls and street fighting in or

around a club for the deaf add no prestige to the club and its members. The only way to avoid this is to keep the trouble-makers out.

This is not the first instance in which the peddlers have stirred up trouble. Last spring, at an N.A.D. Rally in the East two representatives of the N.A.D. were set upon by a band of nearly forty peddlers. Fortunately no harm was done and the arrival of the police quickly subdued the peddlers.

It is time for every club for the deaf to adopt stringent measures to forestall the occurrence of tragedy within their halls. No one knows where the peddlers will strike next. One is never safe as long as he goes where the peddlers are equally, and often more, welcome.

The honest, self-respecting and hard working deaf of this country are big and powerful enough to put peddling to an end. The first thing to be done is to clean out one's own home before he can assist elsewhere. The National Association of the Deaf pledges itself to continue its fight against peddling. It needs and deserves your help and support. Don't let your club be the scene of tragedy like that that nearly happened at Los Angeles. **KEEP 'EM OUT!**

—F.R.M.

## Propaganda

Anyone who takes note of the current nation wide movement to establish day classes for deaf children will find an amazing flood of propaganda designed to influence the public to support the effort. There is a carefully planned and systematic effort to put through legislation in every state which will require the setting up of classes for deaf pupils within the public school system, and the effort is supported by an equally well-planned barrage of publicity.

At least three books have been written on the subject by authors with an impressive array of degrees trailing after their names. Items and articles advising the placing of deaf children in these day classes have appeared in countless newspapers, in some of the leading magazines, and even in a government publication.

The danger of this day class movement has been described on past occasions in *THE SILENT WORKER*, and the need for means of combating it has been pointed out in these pages and in N.A.D. literature. With all our efforts, we have been able to do very little to stem the flood of propaganda in favor of the day school movement, and if we do not find effective means of presenting the truth about the educational needs of the deaf, we are going to see day

classes established everywhere, and the opportunity for an adequate education denied to all the deaf.

The N.A.D. is the proper agency to fight the day class movement. The N.A.D. can do the job, but to do it properly and with telling effect, the N.A.D. must have far greater strength than it has today. It must have the active cooperation of all the deaf, and it must have funds for continuing and increasing the publicity efforts which it has just begun.

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## Memoirs of a Deaf Jerseyman...

# GEORGE S. PORTER

by Miles Sweeney

**M**Y FIRST CONTACT with George S. Porter was in the year 1898 when I made my bow in the printing department of the old New Jersey School for the Deaf. He greeted me affably, equipped me with a broom, dust pan, brush and water sprinkler, and showed me how to use them. I bore the title of "printers' devil", and was told to keep the whole floor clean.

All down the length of the room was a littering of type cases and cabinets, galleys, imposing stones, forms, a job press, a paper-cutter with a guillotine-like blade, a stitching machine and various other tools and accessories that go with the printing art. It made an awesome spectacle to a little nine-year-old beginner. The big press reposed or else rattled at the far end of the room. It was a Cottrell pony cylinder press that could have fitted into the vest pocket of a modern newspaper Hoe; yet it seemed a monster to my juvenile imagination. Whenever it got into action, I feared going too near it lest it grab me and transform me into "gold leaf".

Gradually, as I became accustomed to my new surroundings, my bewilderment decreased, and I was able to observe the boys at work getting out the old SILENT WORKER. They ranged from about ten years up to those in their late teens. Some set type the old hand way, others made up page forms, one operated the job press and two ran the large cylinder press.

The master of the whole works occupied a desk at the fore end of the long room. He was calmness personified. Unhurried and unruffled, he went about his work softly, smoothly, without wast-

ing a moment. What a job and whata-man! There he sat preparing the "dummy" for the next issue, or editing copy, or correcting proofs, or attending to the mail, or revising the subscription list, or keeping accounts, etc., etc. One could almost say that Porter was Mr. Silent Worker himself.

Was that all? No! George S. Porter never considered himself too busy to give personal attention to any one of his boys. Now and then he got up from his desk and went around the room to see that everything was going on according to schedule. He gave special attention to beginners. At other times he was in and out of the "dark room" helping with the cuts that made the SILENT WORKER the world's best illustrated magazine for the deaf.

In addition to being a tireless worker and first-class instructor, Mr. Porter was a paragon of patience and unselfishness. I never saw him lose his head; nor did he ever refuse help where needed. He had the theory and practice of printing at his fingertips and kept abreast of his time.

Before long, I had the pleasure of setting type from manuscripts of Tilden, Pach, Cloud, the Terrys, Meagher, the Longs, Gibson, McFarlane and other famous old contributors. It was quite an education for a boy in short pants—it acquainted him with the problems of the deaf and fired him with a desire to improve their lot. I also was put on the job press, which was run by foot power then; learned to make up pages and to do many other things. Mr. Porter even offered to teach me photo-engraving. I excused myself on account of my



GEORGE S. PORTER

eyes, for scarlet fever not only made me deaf when six but also affected my sight, and the idea of going in and out a dark room and handling chemicals seemed too risky. And when it came to the big Cottrell press, I balked. "I can't master that thing," I said. "You can!" snapped back Porter. Meekly I obeyed and he made me assistant to the senior pressman.

Porter was right, and so was Franklin D. Roosevelt when he said: "There is nothing to fear but fear itself."

In 1906, my last year at school, the first linotype made its appearance. I was one of the four boys that took turns on it. Though I never liked the idea of being tied to a machine, nor had any aspirations of working at the printing trade, nevertheless I consented to learn something of that intricate device just to get a taste or toe-hold of it. I had more inclination for the professions than the trades, but circumstances made me decide otherwise.

Having lost his hearing at nine, Porter could talk some. But he never taught by the oral route. He also had no use for books and the blackboard. He made his boys practice what philosopher John Dewey preached—learn by doing. Valuing time, he tried to economize all around. Every tool was labeled at its place and had to be replaced whenever not in use. He personally showed how to do things, and one had only to ape the master. He never pretended to turn out finished printers; what he aimed at was a thorough grounding in fundamentals, and he took real pride in many



George S. Porter with his secretary, Fannie L. Bass, who later became Mrs. Miles Sweeney.



Miles Sweeney in 1919, the year he founded Trenton Branch, N.A.D.

of his former pupils getting better paid than their old instructor.

As stated before, I had no inclination for the trades and, naturally, only a lukewarm interest in becoming a printer. I had aspirations of teaching in the academic department of some deaf school, but there were no prospects forthcoming. Besides, my family had immediate need for me.

When I left school, my father was old and ailing. He had married when over forty, raised seven children, and was slowly on the decline from an incurable disorder. He had been fire chief of Princeton, head warden of Mercer County Jail in Trenton, and head warden of Mercer County Workhouse, near Lambertville. For a while I worked in small print shops until I was old enough to join the Union, and I have been at it ever since. To return to Porter. . . .

Mr. Porter and I at first lived on the same street—Division Street—only a few blocks apart. The old N.J.S.D. occupied an eight-acre tract, bounded by Hamilton Avenue at the north, Chestnut Avenue at the west, Kent Street at the south and Division Street at the east. Porter's house was situated a little below the northeast corner, while mine was a stone's throw past the southeast one. Curiously enough, we never visited each other then. Later we both moved to Villa Park, a new and fast-growing residential section located a short distance east from the school. By that time, Porter's duties had grown so onerous that he had a secretary in the person of Miss Fannie L. Bass, who in 1918 became my wife. From then on, Porter and I were on more intimate terms.

Shortly after our child was born in 1922, Mrs. Sweeney and I decided to have a home of our own. We purchased one on a street that runs parallel to

Ardmore Avenue, on which the Porters lived. We could see their backyard diagonally across the alley from ours. I was becoming more and more interested in problems concerning the deaf. Since leaving school and never satisfied with the meager formal education I received, I had read and studied extensively and gained considerable experience at an office of state associations, and thereby felt qualified enough to launch something. Mr. Porter was then official state organizer for the National Association of the Deaf.

One day I showed him two manuscripts and asked his opinion. "Capital!" he exclaimed. They were constitutions for proposed local and state branches of the N.A.D. I talked to him at some length and to the following effect:

"I wrote those papers because I am not satisfied with the present set-up of the N.A.D. It is like a body without arms, legs and nerve-wires. There should be a network of state and local branches all over the country. The locals should be able to absorb the deaf population roundabouts and act as so many agencies for the national body. The state branches are to do with matters appertaining to the whole state and also to afford equitable delegate representation at national conventions. I believe the plan should strengthen the N.A.D. by producing a larger membership and a steady flow of income, which should enable the officers to do full-time work and thus be in a much better position to protect our rights and advance our interests.

"As you are the official state organizer, and knowing that you are a very busy man, I respectfully ask your permission for me to go ahead and organize a Trenton branch. Later I will sound out the leaders in various parts of the state about forming other locals. And when the next convention of the state association comes around, we could propose that it change into a state branch of the N.A.D."

Porter was not one to throw cold water on anyone with ideas. He always preserved an open mind. He listened to me with his usual patience, thought my proposition reasonable and finally gave me his consent. The result was Trenton Branch of the N.A.D., founded in 1919. Later I interested Charles T. Hummer in the matter, and he formed Hudson County Branch. When the N. J. Association of the Deaf held its next convention, it disbanded in favor of the N. J. Branch of the N.A.D.

I was still far from being satisfied. To me it was only the beginning. The plan, I thought, shouldn't be limited merely to New Jersey; it should extend, if possible, to every other state in the union. Therefore I requested Porter to let me have space in the SILENT WORKER

to boom it. This he readily granted. He called it "the Jersey Plan". And as our delegate to the 1920 N.A.D. convention in Detroit, he began his address to that body with the following words, which I quote verbatim from a copy in my possession:

I have a message of greetings and goodwill from two of your latest babies—the Trenton Local Branch N.A.D. and the New Jersey State Branch N.A.D.

The Local was organized last December and the State became affiliated on the fifth of last July, after the disbanding of the old State Association; and I am pleased to say both branches were effected with considerable enthusiasm.

By this act, someone has said that I put New Jersey on the map. Although I plead guilty to a share in the map-making, the greatest credit is due to the brilliant writer and co-worker of mine, Mr. Miles Sweeney, whose faith in the local branch idea has never wavered, and who was largely responsible for the successful organization of both branches. Let us hope that it will stay on the map. Let us also hope that local branches will spring up in every town and city of this glorious country of ours and give the parent association the support and strength that it needs. . . .

The rest of the address is too long to quote.

I regret to say that the N.A.D. didn't see fit to go much beyond lip service. The then president, Dr. Cloud, indeed praised the idea. He went so far as to include the whole constitution of the Trenton Branch in his SILENT WORKER article of July, 1920, regarded it as "a working model which could be followed to advantage elsewhere" and commented that "in the way of obtaining new members for the N.A.D., the branch idea is one of the best drawing plans ever devised." Things, however, didn't materialize as expected. For want of interest shown elsewhere, the N. J. State Branch and the Hudson County Branch lasted only several years, but the Trenton Branch lingered on for three decades and finally disbanded in 1949. An epidemic of "silent clubs" has sprung up all over the country, with pleasure as their main object. Unity went to the winds. The Negro attained it years ago, and with fruitful results; but with the deaf it is still in the dream stage.

Fortunately, good ideas never perish. They may die down, but, phoenix-like, they always rise out of the ashes to once more challenge attention. That is a job for future generations.

For years the old SILENT WORKER was a medium in which the brightest deaf minds the world over were permitted to air their views and exhibit their literary talents. Sometimes hot controversies raged in its columns. This liberal policy was halted in 1916 with the appearance of a new Superintendent named Kilpatrick. His idea of a monthly magazine for the deaf was that it should furnish only news items. For a while, the SILENT WORKER became sort of a monthly newspaper, and by the time the



reader received his copy, he had to swallow ancient history. There was a deluge of protests from both reader and scribe. The subscription list took a plunge. Mr. Porter did his best to humor along the new school head, though inwardly he felt quite nauseated. Kilpatrick also tried to impose rigid discipline and change the school into a pseudo-military institute. The pupils rebelled. The mess kept mounting skywards until the State higher-ups got wind of it and finally hauled out the befuddled gentleman for keeps.

In 1917 Alvin E. Pope was appointed superintendent, the fourth since the school's inception in 1883. He came from Nebraska and was noted as an exhibitor at World Fairs. He numbered among his friends General Pershing, Alexander Graham Bell, and Sun Yat Sen, creator of modern China. He came to the school with his head ringing with Bell's visible speech theories, which are Chinese to most of the deaf. Attired like a circus bigwig, moon-faced and dynamic, his bland manner captivated even Porter. George at first spoke of Alvin in glowing terms—he was so energetic and teeming with new ideas and filled with the scientific spirit that the age of miracles seemed at hand. The SILENT WORKER resumed its wonted ways. The subscription list leaped up with a bang. The astonished Porter was about to recover his breath when Pope told him that his room was too small. So down went the walls that parted it from the carpentry department, and Porter had the whole first floor of the Industrial Building and new machinery to boot. Carpentry was moved upstairs and shoemaking went out the window.

Before long the main building was bulging with denizens. There must needs be a new boys' dormitory. And up it sprang, like a mushroom. The explanation is, Pope had brushed aside precedent by letting in the hard-of-hearing, and also had invited those living outside the state to take up post-graduate courses. What! And is the main building itself all-sufficient for its purpose? Isn't it old and rat- and roach-infested, a relic of Civil War days? The whole school site seemed too much like a handbox. So Pope set his go-getting talents to work again with this result: a tract of land of over 100 acres at West Trenton with sprawling new two-storied buildings, a pond, a wooded grove, a baseball diamond, a football field, etc., and acres and acres to spare.

A printing class in 1905, which got its training on the old SILENT WORKER. First row, left to right: George Penrose (standing), Walter Hedden, Harry Redman, Porter, Arthur Smith, Miles Sweeney (arm over Smith), Fred Wenisch, Henry Hester (standing). Top row: Frank Mesick, Benjamin Schornstein, William Henry, Harry Dixon, Theodore Eggert. Boy at bottom with broom is John Pirkoski.

Work on tearing down the buildings on the deserted old school site soon after began. The boys' dormitory, which still looked brand new, was allowed to stand for a while. Vandals got busy, broke its windows and stripped its inside of most everything useful. I wrote a letter to a local newspaper suggesting that it be spared and that the whole place be made a community center for the deaf. But John Q. Public was either stone-deaf or snoring. The building eventually was razed—a sad commentary on the extravagance and ineptitude of politicians. The place now is a public park and playground.

Porter moved to the western section so as to be near the new school. The two-million dollar institution was designed to carry out Pope's ultra-modern oral-psychological ideas. The sign method, he claimed, was obsolete, and his reports revealed that the manual classes were being gradually reduced and that in about twenty years deaf-education in New Jersey would be on the pure oral tack. This evidently was going further than his friend Alexander Graham Bell, whose father and grandfather were speech specialists. Bell merely wanted to give the deaf an *opportunity* to learn to talk, and disclaimed any part in controversies touching on the respective merits of methods used in teaching the deaf.

Bell's telephone is a boon to mankind, and his interest in discovering means for enabling the deaf to learn speech is laudable. Like a true man of science, he was no partisan and no dogmatist. There is nothing *ex parte* about science. It is the Great Impartial. Porter admired Bell, the physicist and inventor, and had been in his company more than once; but he regarded Bell's visible speech for the deaf as one of his foibles. Voltaire said of Sir Isaac Newton that he consoled mankind for his superiority by writing bad comments on the Bible.

Bell also was a pioneer in aeronautics, though his contribution to the field was

almost nil. His box kites, for example, were duds. His chief merit was in creating interest and providing experimental facilities that enabled other men to succeed in it. Every great man has his failures and weak points. The little fellow is likely to seize upon one of them, clamber up onto the great man's shoulders, then imagine he has gone a step higher. More likely he imprisons his mind with an "ism". It may be Fascism, or Communism, or Nudism, or any one of an endless list of them. He becomes one of those more than Heinz-variety human nuts. As long as his pet "ism" is confined to himself and a few followers it adds variety and gaiety to life; but should it grow into majority opinion, society goes nutty. "Live and let live" is a good old shibboleth which many too often forget. For the sake of merriment, why not add audible signs for the hearing.

The Combined System, which most of the deaf stand by, has the advantage of being all-inclusive. It is like a hen that takes under her wing all the chicks. It is in line with the basic American principle of equal opportunity for all. "I have preferences," wrote Voltaire, "but no exclusions"—another good maxim for one to remember.

George S. Porter always spoke his mind without fear or favor. He was no syncophant. He admired Pope's talents as an exhibitor and go-getter, but took his deaf educational theories *cum grano salis*. It would make too long a story to relate the gradual parting of Porter and Pope. That is a matter for future historians. Suffice it to say that in 1929 Porter finally was handed notice of his retirement on pension. Shortly thereafter the old SILENT WORKER folded up. George became an insurance agent and was still at it when he finally died in 1934, aged 69. Pope followed in 1940, at the age of 67.

Let it be hoped that George and Alvin are settling their differences amicably in Valhalla.







MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM S. HUNTER

**W**HAT PRICE TEACHING 47 years in the schools for the deaf? Glory? Contentment? Financial stability? Love of profession?

Ask Prof. W. S. Hunter of the Vancouver, Washington school, and he will say it is a little of everything, but that he has no regret for devoting the best years of his life to the educational line. Financially, other lines of labor might have paid better, but there is great satisfaction and pride in looking over the accomplishments of some five or six hundred who have passed through his classes since they left school.

Few of his many friends or pupils think of calling him professor, so we will string along with the crowd and refer to him as Bill.

Bill first saw the light of day on the sage brush wastes of Idaho when that state had no school for the deaf. Losing his hearing at 11, he was sent to live with relatives in Michigan so he might attend the Flint school. Among his teachers was Thomas W. Clarke, who, later on, was to have considerable to do with Bill's choice of teaching as a profession.

Being a sports-loving fellow, Bill was in all athletic activities, but it was in baseball that he excelled, and for two years, after entering Gallaudet College in 1900, he was captain of the baseball team. A picture of the team of that period appeared in a recent issue of *THE SILENT WORKER*.

Hunter in his boat on Lake Sutherland. In this Olympic hideout the Hunters entertain their friends.

## W. S. HUNTER...

### Noted Teacher and Coach

#### Enjoys Life in Mountain Retreat

By A. W. Wright

In the meantime his Flint teacher, Thomas Clarke, had become superintendent of the Oregon school, and when Bill graduated from Gallaudet, he remembered his former brilliant pupil and offered him a teaching job. A year later Clarke moved over in the same capacity to the Vancouver school and took Bill along. At that time there was no organized athletic program at the school except for a baseball team that got along without benefit of coaching. In addition to his teaching duties, Bill was made Athletic Coach, and under his direction baseball, football, basketball and track teams were put on a scheduled training basis. He also organized the first girls' basketball team.

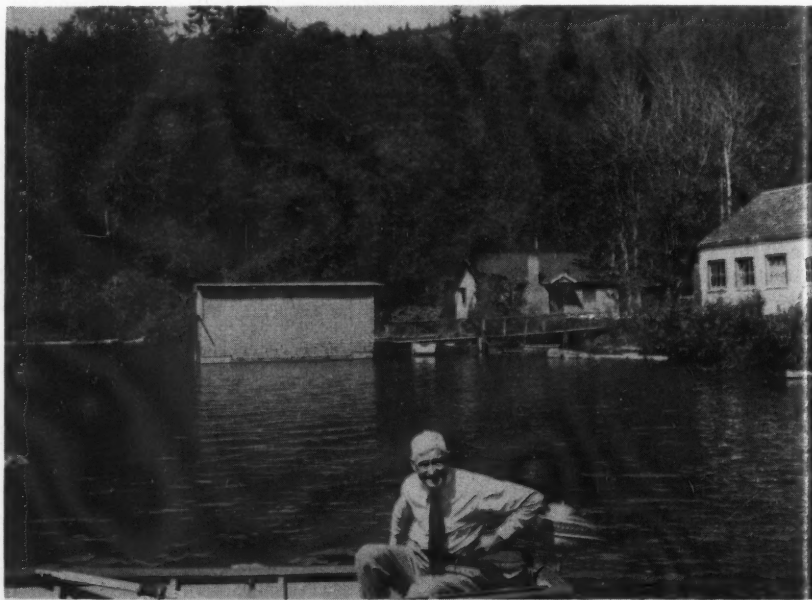
When he had his small football squad well under way in training, games were scheduled with the boys at the Vancouver Infantry Barracks, which had much more beefy material, but as often as not, Bill's boys came out on the long end of the score. Later on, the team was regularly entered in the Clark County High School league. Here again, the odds were greatly against them, for where Bill had only a score or two of boys to choose from who were heavy enough to make the team, the high schools had hundreds. Even so, the boys won a championship or two, but Bill was content if the boys gave a good account of themselves in defeat in such stern competition.

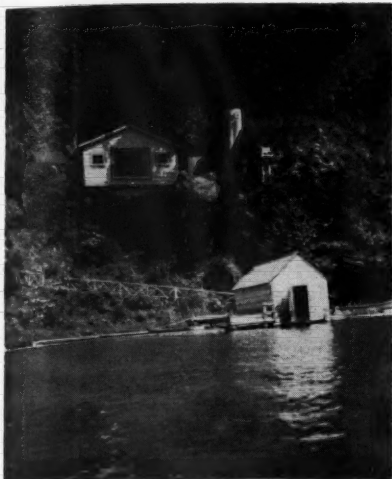
Over the years Bill developed a number of athletes who distinguished themselves in football and other sports at Gallaudet. Among them, to mention a few, were Dewey Deer, Delmar Cosgrove, Arthur Classen, Kenneth Willman, John Skoglund, John Wallace, Oscar Sanders, Jack Seipp, Will Mellis, Tom Delp, Birney Wright, and Andrew Genner. There were others with as outstanding records at the school who did not go to college.

Bill continued as coach until 1935, when Oscar Sanders combined his boys' supervisor duties with that of coaching. A new gymnasium was built at the school and named Hunter's Gym in his honor.

Teachers' salaries in those days were in the low brackets and to help out on the family income, the Hunters planted part of a five-acre tract to grapes, which not only proved a profitable investment, but also a source of much pin money to the boys at the school who would help clean up the place in the spring and harvest the grapes in the fall.

If friends as far south as San Diego, 1400 miles away, wanted to find Bill and the charming Mrs. Hunter during their vacation days, all they had to do was to point their autos north on U.S. Highway 101, and pound the road until they reached beautiful Lake Sutherland, nestling on the northern side of the Olympics, and an inquiry or two would direct them to Hunter's Den, for it was





Hunter's den and boathouse on Lake Sutherland in the Olympics.

here in 1928, when the region was all forest and the lake reached from Port Angeles only by a wagon road that wound around stumps or tall firs, that the Hunters built their summer mountain retreat. The slope from the road down to the lake, some 100 to 150 feet, is so steep, a site had to be leveled out for a portion of the cabin to anchor on, while the front, facing the lake, was propped up on piles.

Bill was an ardent fisherman and in the early days whipped the trout streams all around Vancouver, Washington, and in the Olympics, casting his fly unerringly 20 to 30 yards out to some likely pool where the big fellows lurked. However, in later years he has been content to do his fishing on the lake. With the first rays of the sun slanting over the Olympics, he would be out in his boat until the wood fire smoke began to curl up from his cabin chimney, and he knew Mrs. Hunter had the skillet on the stove for the mess of trout he seldom failed to bring in.

He was married to Ethel Gregory, who was one of his pupils, in 1914. They have two boys. Willie, the oldest, served in the Japanese war, and was a year in Korea with the occupation forces, before being mustered out. Ronald, the other boy, after having gone through normal college, enlisted in the aviation branch, and at present is being trained in radar activities.

This article would not be complete without mentioning another favorite sport of Bill's—skiing. Up until 1950, every winter he would make trips to 12,000 foot Mt. Hood, 50 miles away on the Oregon side, and take a few whirls down the ski slopes on his hickory staves. Usually he took some of the boys along, and now quite a few of those who learned skiing techniques from him, make trips to the Cascade winter ski resorts.



## ken's korner

By Marcus L. Kenner

*"Grow old along with me!*

*The best is yet to be,*

*The last of life, for which*

*the first was made."*

—Robert Browning

*Rambling reflections* on reaching three score and ten: Yea, folks, with no effort at all, I've turned Seventy on the 6th of November. So what? It's no great shakes to attain that milestone, is it? You, too, can do it; mayhaps you've already done so. After all, age should not be a matter of years. While I'm 70, according to the calendar, many do me the honor of thinking I'm 60 or less—but, would you believe it?—I feel more like 40 when, as they say, life is beginning! This, despite that bulge around my waistline!

Some time ago, I received a gracious letter from Dr. George M. McClure, Sr. of Kentucky, suh, who is only 90! Here's a gallant gentleman and scholar to whom we, kids of 70 or more, can truly point with pride. In this connection, it is amusing to read those interviews with some old codgers who ascribe their longevity and good health to a strict abstinence from alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and so forth, while others credit it to the generous use of all! Take your choice.

I think that I have learned a little about human nature. During my tender years I was bored with the alleged wisdom of the elders. I then felt that they were living too much in the past. I now find that the situation has not changed a bit. Wherefore, I scrupulously refrain from offering any advice at all,—if I can. Who listens, anyway? When we're right, no one remembers; when we're wrong, no one forgets.

It is at a period such as this that one naturally grows nostalgic as in recalling some of the "giants" among the deaf leaders in those halcyon days: McGregor, Veditz, Howard, Hanson, Cloud, Hodgson, Fox, and many others whom it was my privilege to know. However, let's not harp on "them days that wuz"; rather, let us follow Arnold's famous dictum on "seeing life clearly and seeing it whole".

In a way, Fate has been kind to me. I glory in my little immediate family, consisting of one wife, two strapping sons, and three gamboling grandsons. I am thankful, too, for

a host of friends, near and far, whose abiding affection adds zest to life. As time revolves, memories become hallowed; friendships grow holier.

Down the years, it has been my privilege to serve in various stations, even to "carry the ball" now and then,—for which I am grateful. Maybe, later on, I'll sort of relax my pace. Meantime, some well-intentioned friends have been asking, when do I plan to "retire"? Well, I'm still looking forward to the exciting days ahead. There's much I still don't know; much I still hope to do. Ere rambling far afield, I'd like to share with you the following which nicely echoes my inner conviction on "Endurance":

"I like the rugged things of earth—

A gnarled old oak, wind-lashed, unbent;

A granite cliff of age-old birth;

The sea whose strength is never spent.

I like the rugged ones of earth

Who go life's way with heads unbowed,

Mature in wisdom spiced with mirth,

Buffeting the years, dauntless, proud."

—Jone S. Keltner

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*Apropos* that hackneyed subject of "methods" of educating the deaf,—suppose we regard them in comparative terms of "doors". Each child is certainly entitled to the God-given right to acquire speech and lip-reading. But where it utterly fails to obtain any positive benefits, why not try *another* door? Instead of, figuratively, butting the child's head against one immovable door, let's try every other door until the right ones finally open to its hungering mind. The attainment of a well-rounded education by whatever "door" should be the paramount objective. You see, we are not anti-Oral; we are just pro-Combined. It's as simple as that—or should be.

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*This* is the traditional season of Thanksgiving. Despite our so-called "handicap" of deafness, there is still much to be thankful for, both as individuals and as Americans. It is fitting that we take account of our blessings (need I enumerate?) and look forward to the future in a spirit of faith and confidence.

# Churches IN THE DEAF WORLD

Wesley Lauritsen, Editor

## Thanksgiving

This month we feel thankful for many things—that we live in America where there is freedom of worship, that we have an opportunity to serve our fellow men, and for a thousand and one other reasons. We are especially



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thankful for the fine Sermon of the Month written by Rabbi Joshua O. Haberman, worker among the deaf in Trenton, N.J. The sermon gave us a real "lift" and it is going to help us over many rough spots in the journey of life. Our two sons who are home for a few days before returning to the University have read the sermon and we believe they, too, will be benefited. We strongly urge you to read this sermon as it will help you keep the faith which is so necessary to live a happy and successful life these days.

Rabbi Haberman, the writer of the sermon, was born in Vienna, Austria, in 1919. He left Vienna shortly after the Nazi invasion in 1938 and continued his education at the University of Cincinnati and the Hebrew Union College where he was ordained in 1945.

He then served as rabbi in Mobile, Ala., and Buffalo, N.Y. Now he is at Trenton, N.J. where he has charge of the Har Sinai Temple. His flock there includes the children at the New Jersey School for the Deaf.

Thank you, Rabbi Haberman, for this very fine contribution to our Church page.

Below, Confirmation class of pupils from the Nebraska and Iowa schools.



## Work Among The Deaf in the Omaha, Nebraska Field

By Rev. E. Mappes

On September 21st of this year I have completed 31 years of service in the Lutheran Mission among the Deaf. I came to Omaha immediately after graduation from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. In other words, this was my first charge in the ministry. From 1921 to 1923 I also served the Kansas City field which included Kansas City, Topeka and Olathe, Kansas. From 1928 to 1938 I served part of the South Dakota field, having services at Sioux Falls, Mitchell, and Yankton, and classes of instruction at the South Dakota State School in Sioux Falls. From 1925 to 1950 I held services at Ft. Dodge, Boone and Des Moines, Ia., and for a number of years also at Webster City, Ia.

At present my preaching schedule takes me to Lincoln, Fairbury, Nebraska City, Fremont, Columbus, Grand Island, Hastings, and Arapahoe, Nebr., and to Sioux City, Ia. Bethlehem Lutheran Deaf Congregation in Omaha, headquarters of the pastor, has had its own church building since February 20th, 1938. That was the day of dedication. A parsonage was erected along with the church. The plot of ground on which the church and parsonage stand, measures 150 by 100 feet, a choice corner property.

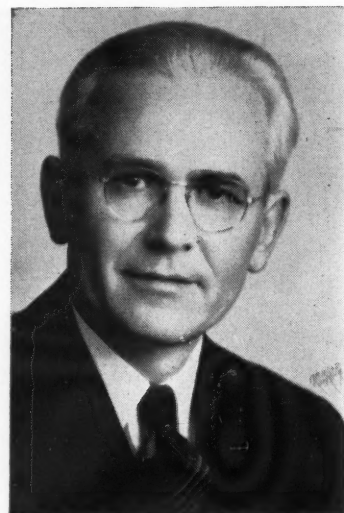
The Omaha congregation now numbers 91 communicant members. We have an active Ladies' Aid Society of 25 members and a Youth Group numbering 15 members. There are 27 voting members.

There are two other organized congregations in this field—Grace Lutheran Deaf Congregation in Lincoln, Nebr., and Peace Lutheran Deaf Congregation in Sioux City, Ia. Lincoln has 15 members and Sioux City has 31 members. Each of the three organized congregations contributes a share toward the pastor's salary and they also send in regular offerings for Missions and Charities.

In the so-called Omaha field there are 383 communicant members and 648 souls.

Every Tuesday afternoon and evening the pastor conducts four classes at the Iowa School for the Deaf in Council Bluffs, Ia., with an enrollment in all classes of slightly over 200 pupils.

On Wednesday afternoon and evening 110 pupils of the Nebraska School for the Deaf in Omaha meet for Bible instruction classes under the direction of the pastor.



REV. E. MAPPES

Each year sizeable classes of pupils from both schools are admitted into the Church by the rite of confirmation, the confirmation services taking place on the first Sunday in May and the service is held at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Omaha.

In the 1952 class pictured on this page there were twenty-one from the Council Bluffs School and four from the Omaha School. During the past 31 years a total of 151 pupils from the Nebraska School have been confirmed and 286 from the Council Bluffs School, and 147 adults have been instructed and confirmed.

The pupils in our religious classes are not all from Lutheran homes. Many parents belonging to various other denominations feel the need of having their children taught the truths of God's saving Word and permit their children to attend our classes to receive the moral and spiritual guidance which is so necessary in the lives of these children.

The first Sunday in the month the pastor conducts the service at the Council Bluffs School which all the Protestant children attend.

The largest class of deaf confirmed at any one time in our Lutheran Church, was the class of 1949—28 pupils from the Council Bluffs School and 22 from the Omaha School, a total of 50.

Many of our adult deaf wishing to become members of the Church at our various preaching stations are given a course of instruction by means of correspondence.

Mrs. Mappes, a deaf person herself, and ardent Church worker, gives much of her time assisting her pastor-husband in secretarial work and takes great pleasure in doing so. Oftentimes she enlists the services of our women members in helping with this work.



## Sermon of the Month

By Rabbi Joshua O. Haberman

### How to Keep Faith in a World Like This

Most people want to believe. But sometimes it is very difficult to say with all our heart. "All's well with the world. God is with us." Look at the world. How can we keep faith in such a troubled world?

I find this whole problem—and the solution—in a Biblical passage in the Book of Judges, ch. 6:

*And a voice said to Gideon: "God is with you."*

*And Gideon replied: "If God is with us, why then have all these calamities befallen us?"*

*Then, God appeared to him and said: "Go forth in all your might and save Israel from the Midianites, for I have chosen you."*

It is not often that we have a record of the exact turning point in the life of a great man. Gideon had actually broken with his faith. He was getting away from it, and then something happened, and instead of abandoning his religion, Gideon became its saviour.

What our text tells us is enough to explain not only Gideon's return to religion, but the whole story of faith lost and found again.

There are three distinct phases of development in a person's religious life—The reason why some people lose their religion is because they never achieved religious maturity to begin with.

All of us get more or less the same start in our religious life. In childhood it is the most natural thing to believe in God. The first voice that spoke to Gideon, saying "God is with you!" also speaks to everyone of us in the early part of life.

The child simply cannot conceive of a world without someone watching over it. It is an instinctive faith.

But as we grow older things begin to happen. We begin to see evil, stark, naked, horrible evil. We see disease, suffering, pain—and oh, so much of it seems needless, useless and undeserved. We see death and tragedy and can find no reason. Then the faith of our childhood breaks and, like Gideon, we cry out: "If God is with us, why then have all these calamities befallen us?"

Some of our sages have offered some very impressive explanations. They all add up to what we might call the bitter-

pill theory of evil: Our troubles are not without benefits. Many a curse is a blessing in disguise. "Misfortune," says an ancient proverb, "improves man's character." The olive does not give its precious oil until it is crushed. Some people are like spices which must be ground to dust before they'll give out their best fragrance. Therefore, explained one of our saints, "never call anything evil; merely say I am taking a bitter medicine which the Eternal Physician is prescribing for my own good."

There is certainly a great deal of truth in this argument. It is supported by the biographies of great men. Greatness is rarely to be found at the end of a smooth road. Nearly always a great career resembles an obstacle course. Demosthenes, greatest orator of the ages, was born a stutterer. Samuel Johnson, was deaf, half-blind and disfigured, and no doubt these handicaps spurred him on to develop his superior mental gifts.

We may not like it that way, but we learn from experience that what tastes worst in life, sometimes helps us most. It's like the little boy who forced down the food he didn't care for, yielding to his mother's argument that the vitamins were good for him. Late that evening, he ended his bed-time prayer: "And please dear God, put the vitamins in pie and cake, instead of in cod-liver oil and spinach."

Unfortunately there are many bitter experiences in life which we must swallow, and to make it worse, there seem to be no vitamins in them; nothing but bitterness, and no visible benefits! Gideon, for example, could see no gain at all in the tribulations of war that had befallen his people. There was just plain suffering, hunger, death, and his heart cried out: "If there is a God, why does He permit such things?"

Now the surprising point in Gideon's story is that his question is never answered. Something else happens to him. Instead of an explanation of why there is evil, God sends Gideon the impulse to act upon it. A voice says: "Go forth in all your might and save Israel." Don't philosophize about the evil in the world, but do something about it. Go forth and fight it.

So it is in life. Troubles come. We never know why, but as we go forth to meet them, and only after it's all over, we discover that something was definitely gained.

A few months ago a colored man, Melvin Minter and his wife and 10 children got into a truck and drove off from somewhere in Louisiana, heading toward the West-coast where Melvin



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Minter had a new job waiting for him. As they approached the little town of Fruita in Colorado, a car nosed out of a side road. Braking to avoid a collision, the Minter truck skidded and overturned. Their daughter Margaret was killed. Mrs. Minter was seriously injured, and the other children were badly cut and bruised.

Word of this tragedy quickly spread among the people of Fruita. A number of them rushed to the scene of the accident and brought the Minters to a hospital. A lady offered them an unoccupied house she owned: "Here's the key, use it as long as you wish," she said. Other women brought furnishings and food to stock the house. Mr. Minter was given a job. While his wife was recovering, women took turns caring for the family. A fund was raised to repair the truck, pay hospital bills and Margaret's funeral, at which the City Judge and Police Chief acted as pall bearers.

Then, suddenly someone remembered the town's Jim Crow ordinance. "We just won't enforce it," declared the Judge. To make sure, the mayor called a special meeting which voted to abolish the law for good. Said Mr. Minter: "I'm staying in Fruita. I never had such treatment in my life."

We'll never be able to account for the tragedy that came to the Minters, we can't justify it, but this we do know: In going forth to cope with the problems created by their tragedy, the people of Fruita gained something. The power for good grew in their hearts.

The sign of mature faith is humility, realizing that we can't have all the answers, and trusting that a higher wisdom governs in our life. Some day we shall know more, perhaps. But, meanwhile let us be assured that in God's world, nothing is without a purpose and "those who sow in tears shall reap in joy."

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# The Educational Front and Parents' Department

By W. T. Griffing, Editor

## Employment of the Adult Deaf in Southern California

By Richard G. Brill, Ed. D.

Superintendent, California School for the Deaf, Riverside

Dr. Richard Brill comes to us this month with an article that should be of nation-wide interest. His paper is based on a survey he conducted to determine what vocations should be taught in the new school at Riverside. From the results can be drawn a fairly safe picture of conditions in most of the states, therefore this paper should interest school people everywhere.

Dr. Brill is outstanding in the field of the education of the deaf. His background is thoroughly solid, and his open-mindedness to the problems of the deaf command their respect and admiration.—WTG.

What is the present employment status of the adult deaf in Southern California? What are the implications of this employment status for the vocational education of the deaf? To find the answer to the first question and have a basis for the answer to the second question, a survey was made of a sample of the adult deaf of Southern California. Questionnaires were distributed through three clubs for the adult deaf, the Los Angeles Deaf Club, the Long Beach Deaf Club, and the San Diego Deaf Club. One hundred and forty-one completed questionnaires were returned made up of 76 from male adults and 65 from female adults. Table I shows that the adult deaf in Southern California come from all over the United States and those in this study, particularly, attended at least thirty-five schools.

Table I

Name of School for the Deaf Attended			
<i>School</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Total</i>
Alabama .....	1	Minnesota .....	6
Arizona .....	1	Mississippi .....	2
Arkansas .....	10	Missouri .....	7
Canada .....	2	Nebraska .....	8
California .....	29	New Jersey .....	2
Colorado .....	3	New York .....	8
DePaul Institute ..	1	North Carolina ..	2
Florida .....	1	North Dakota .....	3
Gallaudet College..	2	Ohio .....	2
Georgia .....	1	Oklahoma .....	12
Illinois .....	7	Oregon .....	1
Indiana .....	1	Pennsylvania .....	4
Iowa .....	1	Rhode Island .....	1
Kansas .....	5	Tennessee .....	3
Kentucky .....	1	Texas .....	17
Louisiana .....	1	Utah .....	2
Massachusetts .....	1	Wisconsin .....	4
Michigan .....	4		
		TOTAL .....	156

The total number listed in Table I, which is 156, is greater than the total number of 141 because some of the

people attended more than one school. As would be expected, the largest number, 29, came from the California School. Those who attended the California School constitute only 20 per cent of the total number who participated in the survey. Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas contributed the next largest delegations to the state.

The subjects were asked "What was the last year you attended school?" There was at least one person who had left school nearly every year from 1893 through 1952 plus one who would graduate in 1953.

Table II  
Number of Subjects Who Left School in Each Decade

Year	Number
1950-53	2
1940-49	24
1930-39	49
1920-29	29
1910-19	14
1900-09	9
1893-99	3
TOTAL	130

Eleven subjects did not state the year they left school.

It can be seen from the above table the largest group of workers in Southern California left school during the 1930's which of course were the principal depression years. The preponderance of those leaving school in the thirties may also indicate that the age of this group is the typical age of those who attend the deaf clubs.

We were interested in knowing what shop work these people had taken in school and Table III shows this.

Table III  
Shop Work Taken in School

Trade	Total	Trade	Total
Art and Drawing	20	Home Economics	
Auto Shop Mechanics		(sewing, cooking, dressmaking, and ironing)	78
(body and fender)	4	Jewelry Trade	1
Bakery	9	Laundry	9
Business Machines	1	Machine Shop	1
Carpentry (cabinet shop and wood-work)	35	Manual Training	1
Cleaning and Pressing	6	Millinery	2
Cosmetology (beauty culture)	3	NONE	3
Draftsman	1	Photography	1
Fashion Designing	1	Printing	36
Furniture Making and Repairing	2	Shoe Repairing and Shoe Making	8
Upholstering	1	Sign Printing	3
		Tailor	6
		Typing	10

The above table indicates that the responses can be considered valid. Nearly all schools for the deaf offer cabinet



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shop or woodworking and printing. About an equal number of people had taken these subjects and this number was far in excess of those taking other trades with the exception of the various phases of home economics which nearly all girls take.

In asking how many had ever worked at the trade which they studied in school, forty-five answered to the effect that they had never worked at that trade. This means that nearly one hundred of the deaf have worked at the trade which they had in school.

Table IV shows that the deaf in Southern California had had much more extensive trade training than the trades which they took in their schools for the deaf. While forty-five stated that they never had any further trade training, the next table shows the list of other areas where training was received.

Table IV  
Trade Training Received in Addition to Shop Work in School

Trade	Total	Trade	Total
Air Craft Parts		Linotyping	3
Inspector	1	Lithography	1
Architecture	1	Liquor Business	1
Art	13	Lofting	1
Bakery	9	Machine Work (metal)	3
Belt Making	1	Mechanical	
Bookbinding	2	Drawing	1
Bookkeeping	2	Millinery	1
Body and Fender (auto mechanics)	5	Office Practice	1
Business Machines	1	Painter	2
Cabinet Shop (woodworking)	6	Pattern Maker	1
Candy Maker	1	Photography (photo tinting and color)	3
Carpentry	11	Plumbing	1
Chemistry	1	Pressing and Cleaning	3
Cooking	10	Printing	11
Cosmetology (beauty culture)	2	Rip-saw Operator	1
Craftsman Art	1	Sewing	4
Drafting	2	Shoemaker	1
Drilling	1	Shoe Repair	2
Furniture Repair	1	Steam Engineering	1
Glass	1	Tailor	3
Hosiery Mending	1	Tool and Die Making	2
Jeweler	1	Typing	9
Job Press	1	Woodturner	1
Laundry	3		
Librarian	2		

The number of different lines of work listed by the employed adult deaf totals sixty-two categories. Including those who replied that they were unemployed or retired; we have sixty-three categories listed in Table V.

Table V

# Types of Employment of Adult Deaf

Trade	Total	Trade	Total
Advertising		Photo Engraver	1
Salesman	1	Picture Frame	
Architectural and		Maker	1
Structural		Power Machine	
Draftsman	1	Operator	6
Bakery	1	Presser (dry	
Barber	1	cleaning)	7
Bookbinding	2	Pressman	2
Bookkeeping	2	Print Company	
Business Machines	4	(inspector)	1
Cabinet Maker		Printer	
or Carpenter	3	(newspaper)	3
Cannery	1	Printing	8
Casket Trimmer	1	Retreader in	
Ceramics	1	Auto Shop	1
Commercial		Rip-saw Operator	1
Fisherman	2	Roll and Pack	
Copper Engraving	1	Candy	1
Draper Operator	1	Soldering and	
Dressmaking	4	Assembling	2
Dress Power		Sewing	1
Machine		Sheet Metal Work	1
Operator	5	Shipping Clerk	1
Electric Shop		Shoe Maker	1
(assembler)	1	Shoe Repair	1
Foundation Layer		Sign Artist	1
(cement)	1	Tailor	1
Garment Factory		Telephone	
(inspector)	1	Company	1
Housekeeper	1	Ticket	
Housewife	20	Specialty	1
Jeweler	1	Tool Design	1
Laundry	3	Tool and Die	
Leather	1	Making	4
Library	1	Turf and Finance	
Linotype Operator	6	Speculator	1
Machine Design		Typing	1
(machinist)	8	Unemployed or	
Managing Apart-		Retired	7
ment House	1	Upholstering	3
Mill Man	1	Wardrobe Clerk	1
Milling Machine		Wax Moulder	1
Operator	1	Wrap Gifts and	
Painter	2	Packages	1
Paper Box Com-		Wrapper or	
pany Worker	1	Packer	2

The one largest category in the above table is that of housewife with twenty people stating that they are engaged in that work. Because we did not ask a person to put his name on the questionnaire, we believe that the information that we received is quite reliable. On the other hand, where a question arose in interpreting the questionnaire, we were unable to go back and ask the person what he meant. In the above table we have five people who listed their present work as Dress Power Machine Operator and we have six people who listed their work as Power Machine Operator. It is possible that these should be combined into one category and if that is the case we would have eleven people in this type of work. This would be the second largest group for women's trades, second only to that of housewife. Taking the various categories that all fall into the printing trades which include that of Pressman, Inspector in a

## Anton Tanzar Retires After 27 Years

Anton Tanzar, Chicago, Illinois, recently retired from Swift and Company Chicago plant after holding a job there as a pressman in the printing department for 27 years. A party was given in his honor at the Louis George Restaurant and cocktail lounge on Chicago's southside. Here, he was presented with many gifts.

Anton will take things easy for the of the Illinois Association of the present. He is an active member of Chicago Division No. One, N.F.S.D., second vice-president of one Chicago Club of the Deaf, and a trustee Deaf. He is happily married and has

a deaf son, Dick, aged 29, also working at Swift's as a pressman. The Tanzars have a daughter, Ruth, by Mrs. Tanzar's first husband.

The picture below shows Anton (right) receiving the congratulations of N. J. Knox, manager of the printing department at Swift's, who also presented Anton with a gift on behalf of the firm. Some of the other gifts are seen on the table. Officials of the plant paid high tribute to Anton's faithful service and expert workmanship during all the years he was in their employ.



Printing Company, Newspaper Printer, and Printing we have a total of fourteen individuals employed in the printing trades which bears out the oft repeated statement that there are more adult deaf men employed in the printing trades than in any other one trade.

Looking at the balance of the list of jobs, the principal conclusion which can be drawn is that it is impossible for any school to attempt to prepare its students too specifically for a given trade.

As has been frequently recognized in recent years, the curriculum must be designed so that the student is learning basic skills and basic knowledges which can be easily transferred regardless of the type of work he goes into for a living. One might wonder whether the basic knowledges needed to be a successful Turf and Finance Speculator, as listed in the above table, or perhaps more commonly known as a "Bookie", are skills which could be better learned in an academic class rather than a vocational class.

When the adult deaf were asked to suggest what vocational training the California School for the Deaf at River-

side should teach, over fifty different trades were proposed. It was interesting to note that many people tended to suggest that the trade that they were employed in was a trade that should be taught in the school. Obviously it would be impossible to equip a school for the deaf to teach fifty trades or a number even approximating that total. This is further evidence that the trades in a school for the deaf must be selected to give certain basic needed manual skills and other kinds of information. Habits of work must be taught using these basic subjects as a medium whereby the adult deaf person will be able to adapt himself to a particular condition he finds in the job that he obtains, and where he will be able to take the utmost advantage of any on-the-job training.

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# From Foreign Lands...

By Paul Lange

## The Deaf of Yugoslavia

*(Dragoljub Vukotich, who came from Yugoslavia as delegate to the N.A.D. convention last July, gave the Editor of THE SILENT WORKER the following article on the deaf of his country, which should be of interest to all the deaf of America.—Ed.)*

Before World War II there existed in Yugoslavia some associations of the deaf, but they did not achieve any special success because they did not have the support of the State. They depended exclusively upon membership fees and donations, and they had no contact whatsoever with foreign organizations. In a word, they existed in full isolation.

At that time there were only four schools for the deaf, accommodating not more than 15 percent of the total number, and that is the reason there were so many illiterate among the deaf.

During the German occupation, and in those days when the whole of Europe was inflamed by war, only three institutions were functioning and these only at intervals. Their activities and the number of children they held were very much limited, on account of the hard life of the occupation.

The organization of the deaf in Yugoslavia actually did not work at all during the German occupation, and no meeting of the members was held. Nothing could have been done for the adult deaf. The whole of Yugoslavia was not only occupied by the Germans, but was also divided among the Germans, the Italians, the Hungarians, and the Bulgarians.

The liberation of Yugoslavia was joyfully awaited, as well as the end of World War II. When that came, the deaf began immediately to organize themselves into associations. At first, the associations were organized at the initiative of certain towns for local needs, but in 1947 a single association of the deaf for the whole of Yugoslavia was formed, with a single status and program.

In Yugoslavia it is believed that the total number of deaf amounts to 20,000 or 25,000.

The percentage of deaf illiterates in Yugoslavia is very large, due to the small attention paid to them in the old Yugoslavia before World War II. It amounts to about 60 percent, but the percentage is gradually diminishing. A great advance was made after the War with the opening of seven new institutions for deaf children, so that now in Yugoslavia there are altogether eleven institutions with 1300 deaf children. In addition, and with the help of the Or-

ganization of the Deaf of Yugoslavia, 13 boarding houses with 560 beds have been opened for the pupils. New institutions will have to be built, and new boarding houses opened, in order to satisfy completely all the needs of the deaf in Yugoslavia.

For the deaf illiterates, courses have been opened in order that they could acquire the elements of a general education, and up to now about 500 deaf have completed the courses. Becoming literate, they have assumed their places in the social economy of the country.

The authority of the people in Yugoslavia now pays great attention to education and accomplishment among the deaf. In solving the problem, it has the full support of the organization of the deaf in Yugoslavia, to which it offers all moral and material help. Since the liberation of Yugoslavia, the authority of the people has given to the organization the sum of 26,000,000 dinars to assist in supplying its different needs. This has enabled the organization to accomplish all its tasks and to satisfy most of the needs of the deaf in the country.

The organization of the deaf in Yugoslavia has a few thousand members. It also works for those who are not members. Its activity is social, cultural, economic, and athletic. A great many successes have been achieved up to now, and every day they become greater.

Within the organization of the deaf of Yugoslavia there are 34 workshops in which the deaf are employed. These workshops serve exclusively for enabling the deaf to acquire different handicrafts. The incomes of the workshops are used for purchasing various machines, tools and material. The surplus from the incomes is being put at the disposal of the association of the deaf to help in the realization of its program. In these workshops there are now 430 workers, pupils, and officials. There are also some hearing experts who are helping enable the deaf to qualify.

The deaf of Yugoslavia found their country after the Liberation mostly ruined by the ravages of war, and they have, together with all their people, taken part in different voluntary activities, giving about 250,000 working hours to building up factories, roads, houses, etc. Two of their youth brigades have been decorated for their work by the Labours Decoration I Order from the Presidium of National Assembly of Yugoslavia. A great number of the deaf have received honorary titles of "Uradnik"—worthy builder of the country—and they have been decorated with the highest decorations of Yugoslavia.



DRAGOLJUB VUKOTICH

Sports among the deaf of Yugoslavia occupy a very important part in their lives. Until the Olympic games at Copenhagen in 1949 they had been isolated from any sports connections abroad. A year before the Olympic games, in 1948, a fiscal youth festival of the deaf took place, with 500 youth and adult members. That mass appearance of youth opened the way to further sports advancement of the deaf. The next year was held the first sports meet, participated in by 400 competitors as preparation for the Olympic games in Denmark. Now sports among the deaf of Yugoslavia are becoming more popular. They are reaching their climax, and it is believed that they will show better results at the next Olympic games in Brussels.

Chess is also largely popularized among the deaf of Yugoslavia.

Within the frame of the organization of the deaf of Yugoslavia, in Belgrade and Zagreb, are separate cultural-educational societies of the deaf, which have folklore, dramatics, painting, reading, and debating sections. A great number of representations have been given for the public, and through them publicity has been disseminated concerning the problems of the deaf among the masses of the people.

At the initiative of the association of the deaf in Yugoslavia, some legislative proposals have been made to the government of the Federal National Republic of Yugoslavia for the protection of the deaf of the nation, which will soon be put into effect. They will be of enormous advantage to the deaf of Yugoslavia, and will definitely settle many of their problems.

It should be mentioned that Marshal Tito has twice publicly commended the work of the association of the deaf, and approved and expressed his satisfaction with its endeavors to solve the urgent

problems of the deaf of the nation. It has a deeper meaning for the deaf, for all those successes lead to the better welfare of the country and all its peoples.

## Notes from Other Foreign Lands

If our readers notice an unusually large number of items regarding the deaf of Germany in this column, this may be ascribed to the fact that the *Gehorlosen Zeitung* (the newspaper for the deaf) the official organ of the deaf of Germany, has recently reached our table. It is published at Muelheim on the Ruhr by Heinrich Siepman and very well edited. It has perhaps the largest number of foreign notes of any of our foreign exchanges.

The deaf chess players of Germany held their annual tournament at Bielefeld on May 10-11. The Essen contestants defeated the players of Holland and Belgium.

The deaf of Munich celebrated their centennial jubilee on June 1 at the Augustin Hall in that city. In the morning church services for both catholics and protestants were held and in the afternoon programs were given by various clubs and societies and some time was given to dancing.

A deaf theatrical group of the city of Dortmund, Germany, gave a per-

formance of the play, "The Cracked Monument", at the German resort "Bad Hamm" on May 11.

The Nurnburg, Germany, deaf football team defeated the deaf team of Paris, France, by the score of 3 to 1 at Munich, Germany, and as a token of their esteem the German club gave the visitors a large Munich beer tankard with tin top and a small replica to each of the visiting players.

The associations of the deaf of Sweden, Norway, and Finland jointly publish a magazine for the deaf. The Finnish magazine has the same equipment as that of Norway and Sweden. Both are profusely illustrated.

According to the last Serbian census, there are 9,485 deaf in that country. Of these, 569 are attending school and 173 apprentices are living in their own homes while 461 work in different shops and 24 workers and 54 apprentices are working in shops of various societies.

In Treska, Macedonia, a wooden ware factory employs 21 apprentices and workers, while in Monastir a knitting mill employs 21 deaf girls.

The president of the Finnish Republic has bestowed the medal "Pro Benignitati" (for philanthropic deeds) upon the Swedish architect, Gesta Wilberg.

Dr. Dorcellori, a deaf doctor of Rimini, Italy, recently passed an examination before the chemical research committee at Macerata with high honors. The deaf of Germany on April 27 celebrated the 225th anniversary of the birth of Samuel Heinicke, the founder of the first German school for the deaf, at St. Paul's church in Frankfurt on the Oder. The Frankfurt school was established by John Vatter, a pupil of Heinicke's. The larger part of this school was transferred to Camberg nine years ago to escape bombing, and the balance of the pupils were sent to schools at Friedberg and Frankenthal. There is a move on foot now to have the school returned to Frankfurt.

At the meeting of the deaf of Finland a motion was passed asking the school authorities to extend the course of instruction in the schools for the deaf from eight to ten years, to be divided as follows: kindergarten, two years; public school course, six years; and post graduate course, two years.

In a recent article in the Swedish magazine for the deaf, *Doevas Tidskrift*, Lars Bjorn of Lannabruk advocates the employment of deaf ministers of the gospel in Sweden.

The deaf of the northern nations of Europe—Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Finland—met at Oslo, Sweden, July 28 - August 1 for their annual convention. The crown prince of Sweden, Olaf, gave the address of welcome. One of the objects of the meeting was the unification of signs for the deaf of the different nations.

## Veteran Workers

### Martin Klein

Americans love to travel around their country seeing the magnificent cities and immense beauties that lie within its borders. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Klein of St. Paul, Minnesota are no exceptions.



However, this nice couple has more reason to travel than most of us. Mr.

Klein has been an employee of the Great Northern Railway for nearly 35 years. This railway organization has presented him with a pass which enables him to travel very much where he pleases.

Mr. Klein does not work on trains. He works in one of the Great Northern department stores. He likes his job and nothing has been able to tempt him to transfer elsewhere for nearly 31½ decades.

If you are one of those people who like company, send this widely-traveled couple an invitation and put out your welcome mat.

### Ivan Heymansson

Ivan Heymansson of Detroit, Michigan first set foot on American soil at the age of eighteen. He came to this country from Germany. Naturally he had to learn the English language, our customs, sign language and the many other things that go to make up the American way of life. These did not hinder Heymansson to any large extent as he saw there was opportunity in this country and he made the most of it.

In time he met Ethel Wall of Windsor, Canada and they were soon betrothed. Life not being complete without children, the couple through the grace of God had two of them to share in their joys and sorrows. These two youngsters are now attending the Michigan School for the Deaf.

Heymansson provides a living for his family through his work as a paper cutter. He has been in this trade approximately 35 years. He is very active in all deaf organizations and has held several offices in them.

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## NEW MEXICO . . .

Among visitors to the New Mexico School for the Deaf recently were Dean Mayfield and J. Batt Davis of Waco and West, Texas, respectively. Dean came to this part of the country to visit several of his relatives at Broken Arrow Ranch, which is situated near Pojoaque. Both Texans were pleasantly surprised at the vistas offered hereabouts.

Even alumni like to return to Santa Fe! Mr. and Mrs. William Warren of Louisville, Kentucky were in town for a day or so. Mrs. Warren may be remembered to New Mexicans as the former Frances Garcia. Frances was happy to see her friends and teachers once again. They visited some of Frances' former haunts on Bill's vacation. This was Bill's first visit to our state. Bill surmised that he might return again in the near future.

Terecita Lopez, of Pajarito, may accompany the Bill Warrens to Louisville. Terecita has been working in an Albuquerque bank as a file clerk. Terecita's plans while in Louisville are indefinite. If she finds that she likes the city on the Ohio banks, she may stay there for just a while longer than a couple of weeks.

Juan R. Torres is once again working at the Rainbow Baking Company in Albuquerque. He hopes to remain there for a long time. He was formerly connected with the Chaplain's Bowling Alleys in Albuquerque.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holmes and their three children are now living in Santa Fe. They hail from Council Bluffs, Iowa. Joseph was a boys' counselor at the Iowa School for the Deaf and is employed here in a similar position. Joe says that he likes it here. He has joined the rifle club at the New Mexico School. That is so he would know what is what when it comes to using a .22 rifle. His eldest child has been pestering him for a .22 shooter.

Adolfo Torres of Artesia was killed recently when his car was picked up by an onrushing train at a crossing and carried for over 200 feet. Adolfo died about four hours after the collision. He was 26 years old.

A life-long friend, Archie Grier, decided to pay a surprise visit to his former sidekick, Godfrey Adams, at Santa Fe. They grew up practically together at Olathe, Kansas. Needless to add, they were very glad to see each other. Mrs. Grier and Mrs. Adams witnessed the reunion of the two men.

The Donald Bradfords of Santa Fe were recipients of an unexpected visit by two couples from Houston, Texas, not so long ago. Names of the Texans were not given out to this reporter. Who said that all Texans were devoid of modesty?

## CALIFORNIA . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Bill White, of Washington, D.C., were greeted at an enjoyable gathering at the home of Kyle and Mae Workman in Los Angeles the evening of Saturday, September 6. Among the guests were "Pop" and Mrs. Nelson of Bakersfield, the Edgar Andersons, Florian Caligiuris, Lucy Sigman, Herb Schreibers, Charles Varnes, all of Los Angeles, and Geraldine Fail of Long Beach. "Cali" took over the Workman kitchen and his culinary skill added several inches to the waist line of everyone present. Everyone was delighted at the opportunity to meet Bill and Bunny White; Bill will be easily remembered as the magnificent young Editor of THE SILENT WORKER back in the days when the magazine was revived some four years ago.

Mae and Waite Mead of Long Beach spent two happy weeks during August motoring north with stop-overs at Portland, Ore., and Seattle, Wash. and visits to various points of interest at Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.

The time was 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, September 9, and the place was Santa Ana. Beverly waited patiently for Frank to speak up but Frank, his face red and his eyes downcast, kept digging his heels into the carpet. Finally he blurted out "Will you marry me?" No one knows just how Beverly replied; perhaps she said "Oh Frank! This is so sudden!" Anyway, it's official and Frank Sladek of Long Beach has presented young Beverly Katz of Santa Ana with a diamond ring.

Fred and Pauline Cuyler, former Texans and residents of California the past decade, have decided to return to the wide open spaces of the Lone Star and are bidding their friends farewell as this is written. Good luck, Fred and Pauline, but come back again 'ere long.

Helen and Ernest Holmes and two sons of Los Angeles have returned home following a lengthy auto tour which took them up through Oregon and Washington and even into Canada. They report the trip most enjoyable and their '50 Chev. stood the trip admirably with only the speedometer giving out on them. They were accompanied by Mrs. Newton Nash.

Victoria and Val Cookson, Long Beach, commemorated their 15th year of marriage by crossing the channel to beautiful Santa Catalina Island September 1 in company with Effie Gerson of Southgate and Augusta Lugos of Chicago, Ill. What better way to celebrate a wedding anniversary?

Los Angeles' residents who spent the month of August on the open road were Isadore Krasne, still 'atravelling' and in Southwest Harbor, Maine, as of mid-August; Cecile Willman, accompanied by husband Kenneth this time, enjoying the view at Bryce Canyon and the sights in Las Vegas, Nev.; and Edna Laird and son David in Redfield, S. D. for a visit with her brother whom she had not seen in 16 years. Edna and David were passengers in the auto of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brush, who journeyed on to Sioux Falls, S.D. to see their eldest son and return via Redfield. Trip was made through the Black Hills and Zion National Park, where the hehira got their fill of scenery.

The News Editor has to take a lot of kidding because of her last name. But a look-see at Troy Hill's paper, the SDN for August, really stands her on her head. Instead of Fail, her name is spelled Toil. Appropriately too,

perhaps, because Jerry really toils at covering the news. Troy's contributor from Tulsa, Okla., proved right clever.

Glen Orten, after deliberating for months, finally traded his '49 Mercury for one of those dream cars, a '52 Oldsmobile Rocket '88 in vivid blue. Other local Olds owners, the Krugers, the Fails, the E. Andersons, heartily congratulated Glen upon his excellent choice.

Among visitors to the Los Angeles' Club the evening of September 20 were noted young Edward Worrell and Don Stottler, both of Pontiac, Mich. Edward returned soon after to his job in Pontiac but Don remained in town and has secured employment at North American Aviation. Don is a second cousin of Howell Stottler, also of Los Angeles.

E. B. Kolp of Dallas, Texas also paid a brief visit to the LACD the same evening after a trip down the coast from San Francisco. He had spent two weeks vacation touring the west and left the 21st for his home in Dallas.

Frank and Evelyn Bush really had a super vacation this year. Soon after purchasing that new '52 Plymouth, the Bushes left Los Angeles for Chicago with Mrs. Virgil Luczak accompanying them the entire trip. Iola stopped over in Flint, Mich., to see another former Angeleno, Edna Hutchins. Stops were made en route at Zion and Bryce National Parks and a side trip was made to see friends up in Wisconsin and down to Jacksonville, Ill., to visit Evelyn's Alma Mater, and drop in on the J. Ormans. In Colorado Springs they went to the top of Pikes Peak and there, of all places, they ran into Mr. and Mrs. Paul Woodward. Paul is the son of Fred Woodward, Chicago. Highlight of the whole trip was the meeting with Paul, whom they had not seen in nearly 20 years. Another stop was made at Santa Fe, N.M., enroute home from Pueblo, Colo.

Vicki (Long) Santallanes was the delighted recipient of many lovely items of infant apparel at a Stork Shower given in her honor the afternoon of September 28 in the lounge at the Los Angeles Club. The bevy of gracious hostesses for the afternoon festivities included Janie Lou Dyer, Evelyn Gerichs, Lucy Anderson, Belle Tyhurst, Lillian Skinner, Marcella Brandt, Dorothy Young, Mae Workman, Evelyn Bush, Josephine Allen, Edna Woodward, Lucy Sigman, Anna Fahr, Esther Mintz, and Ethel Wiley.

Lorraine Carey enjoyed three weeks on the farm at Clutier, Iowa, with her mother's sister and only brother. Lorraine was born in Belle Plaine, Iowa.

Frank Davis collapsed suddenly while at work on a housing project and was rushed to the hospital the end of August for acute appendicitis. Frank underwent surgery immediately and was up and about again visiting his friends before most of them knew he had been ill. Another on the sick list during September was young Johnny Fail of Long Beach, who suffered an infection of the lung following a slight cold and came near to being hospitalized when his temperature hovered around 104 degrees for several days. Penicillin injections and two days of constant attendance by the family doctor brought the young fellow through.

Dreams do come true! Ask John Fail the fisherman. Construction will begin October 1 on a 50-foot, 30 ton commercial fishing boat in San Pedro at a cost of around \$24,000 and will be owned jointly by John and his boss, Skipper Wm. Duggan. The new boat will replace the 45-foot "Jackie Boy" and will be under contract to supply bait to all fishing boats out of Pierpoint Landing as well as market fish to Van Camps Cannery, a plum that many a fishing boat owner would like to have fall in his lap.





Edna Kriegshaber, nee Merkel, formerly of Rego Park, L.I., died suddenly on Monday, October 6th, at Savannah, Ga., aged 52 years. She leaves a daughter Sally, a sister, Albertina Borman, and William Merkel. Funeral services were held on Friday, October 10th, in the George Baque Funeral Home, Rev. Kraus of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf officiated. Funeral was on Saturday at 10 a.m. Interment in Evergreens Cemetery. Mrs. Kriegshaber was a member of the Walther League of St. Matthew's Brooklyn Protestant Guild of the Deaf and the National Association of the Deaf and attended most if not all the NAD conventions, the last being in Austin, Texas. Above is a recent picture of Mrs. Kriegshaber on an outing with New York friends. Left to right: Miss Muriel Dvorak, Mrs. Edith Kleberg, Mrs. Kriegshaber, and Charles Terry.

## WISCONSIN . . .

William Nelson, erstwhile resident of Duluth, Minn., has taken a linotype operator's job with the Milwaukee Journal in Milwaukee and is a welcome addition to the local deaf colony. William is a brother-in-law of Gordon L. Allen, Minneapolis.

The end of August found Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Anderson of Chicago visiting with their son in Milwaukee. They also found time to drop in at the Milwaukee Silent Club.

Rose Alice Fielder and Henry Weinberg were united in marriage the evening of August 30 at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Milwaukee. Some 150 guests were present at the lovely reception given Rose and Henry following the ceremony. Their many friends wish them all happiness.

Rev. and Mrs. A. Staubitz of Cincinnati, Ohio, were guests of Julius M. Salzer August 30-September 1. Julius gave a dinner party for them the evening of August 30 and among those present was John De Lance of Mundelein, Ill., a Gallaudet classmate of Mrs. Staubitz's long ago. It was her first meeting with John in some 25 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cordano of Delavan spent an early-September week end with the Larry Yolles' and were present at the September 13 wedding reception given Virginia Zolnick and Floyd Baumann at the Greenfield Hall in Milwaukee. The new Mr. and Mrs. Baumann are residing in Milwaukee where Floyd holds down an excellent position with Hotpoint, Inc., the firm which manufactures the famous dishwashers and other electrical appliances. Hotpoint employs some ten deaf persons.

Julius M. Salzer finally returned home to Milwaukee after an extended journey to the west coast via the Austin NAD convention. Julius regretted not meeting Dick Zellerbach who lives in San Francisco and is associated with the Zellerbach Paper Co. Julius endeavors to meet up with almost everyone wherever he goes.

## UTAH . . .

Mrs. Betty (Fullmer) Judd's untimely death at the home of her parents shocked her many friends. Betty, only 25, passed away following a lingering illness and leaves the widower and two small daughters, besides her parents.

After many years as an employee at the school in Great Falls, Montana, Fred Low and Mrs. Low have come to make their home in Salt Lake City. Fred is enjoying his retirement and now finds the time to do all the things he has wanted to do down the years.

All is happiness at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arvil Christensen in Ogden these days. Their little family of two girls and a boy has been augmented by the arrival of a baby daughter and Arvil has been very busy painting and remodeling the house all summer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Utley, who moved to Ogden from England with their three children, are happy here and find almost everything interesting. They paid a visit to Yellowstone Park during their summer vacation and were overawed at the beauty of the place. Others who also visited Yellowstone during the past summer were Mrs. Arvil Christensen and children and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zabel with their niece.

Samuel Judd and his new bride, nee Rebecca Moore of Wash., D.C., have purchased a '52 Nash and spent their honeymoon at Yellowstone before going home to Southgate, Calif. The newlyweds were tendered a wedding shower at the home of Mrs. Berdean Christensen the evening of August 29 in Ogden.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Christensen and children of Salt Lake City, greatly enjoyed their summer visit to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Christensen in Hawthorne, Calif. However, the earthquakes there just about scared them to death.

Other residents of Hawthorne, Calif., who paid a visit to Utah during the summer were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brandenburg, guests of Mrs. Brandenburg's mother in Murray. They did not stay long however as Joe had to get back home to his chinchillas.

Ruby Olson of Gooding, Idaho, paid a brief visit to Utah before returning to her duties as Housemother at the school for the deaf.

August saw Mr. and Mrs. D. Fresten and sons of Ogden up in Canada on vacation.

Our Utah reporter is Mrs. Berdean Christensen, 908 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah. Berdean wants to increase her news coverage and asks that residents of Utah send her news of their activities.

## OKLAHOMA . . .

Friends of Richard and Vellie Hay learn with glad relief that the two are now resting comfortably at home following an automobile collision August 3. While returning home to Oklahoma City from Edmond, Mr. and Mrs. Hay were both injured and their car considerably damaged when a teen-age motorist failed to obey a stop sign and rammed their machine. Vellie suffered a broken ankle and Richard sustained a broken rib. Both were badly bruised and taken to Mercy Hospital for a few days.

The Tulsa Club announces the following new officers: Fred Stapp, pres.; Paul Newell, v-pres.; Ed Hokill, treas.; Melvin Sumpter, sec'y; Carlus Worth and James Gray, trustees.

Newlyweds James and Mino Jo Gray are now at home following a honeymoon trip to St. Louis, Mo. Mino Jo was the charming Miss Hacker of Muskogee prior to her marriage to James and the deaf of Tulsa are happy to have her amongst them.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ingle of Tulsa are coming up in the world. They got rid of their old Ford car and are now being seen around town in a classy '50 Mercury, a beautiful buggy.

Sam Vonoy, erstwhile resident of Muskogee, is now living in Tulsa where he is employed by the Midwest Geophysical Corporation. Yes, the deaf colony of Tulsa is grow-

ing, and the local club entertained a goodly crowd September 6 when the organization celebrated its 6th birthday. Nice going, Tulsa!

Gladys and Cleo Hawkins and daughter La Vita spent most of the summer on the west coast and spent several days in and around Los Angeles. A visit to the Los Angeles Club gave them much pleasure in that they ran into numerous old friends, the Viri Masseyes of Torrance, the David McClarys of Hermosa Beach, the John Fails of Long Beach, and the Avery Trapps, Lester Woodwards, Hubert Allens, and dozens of others of Los Angeles. Rumor has it that Gladys and Cleo would like very much to return to California and make their home there permanently. (We'd like to have you do so! ED.)

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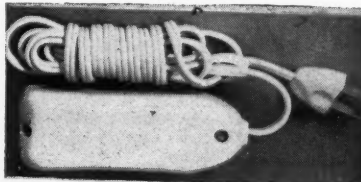
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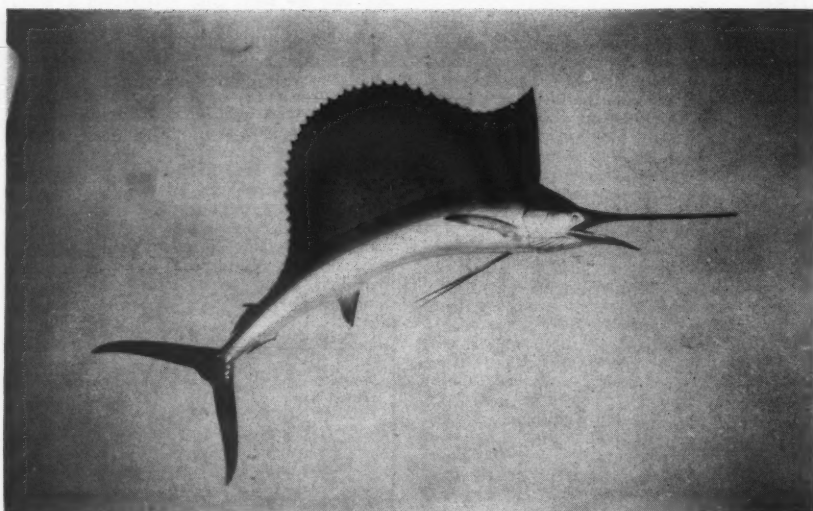
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Lloyd H. Laybourn, Oakland, California, experienced one of the thrills of his life during the summer vacation when he flew to Mexico and went deep sea fishing off the coast of Acapulco. He caught the giant sailfish shown with him on the cover of this number. Lloyd's fish is the one at the left on our cover photo. It weighed 115 lbs. and measured ten feet in length. Determined to have his fish mounted, Lloyd hired a Mexican to skin it and a North Miami, Florida, firm to do the mounting, a job which required eight weeks. When he finally received his mounted fish, on October 1, Lloyd presented it to the East Bay Club for the Deaf, of Oakland, and the above picture shows it in place on the wall of the club.

#### MISSOURI . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Pat McPherson had their two weeks vacation in August, and stopped in Des Moines, Iowa to watch the golf tournament among the deaf, and then visited relatives in Charles City. The McPhersons celebrated their 18th anniversary by visiting the Little Brown Church at Nashua, Iowa, where they were married.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Constance left Kansas City on August 5th to visit relatives and to help finish the wheat harvest in Medicine Lake, Montana. The Constances had a six weeks vacation in spite of all the work.

Shirley Dixon of Tacoma, Washington, has made her home in Kansas City with her cousins, Mrs. Grace Arnett and the Herbert Teaneys. Shirley has obtained employment at the Western Blue Print Company.

Mercedes Lago took a Berry Tour, beginning August 2nd, which took her to San Antonio, Texas, Mexico City, Acapulco, Monterrey and El Paso, Texas. While in Mexico City she found time to visit some relatives and attended two bull fights. Mercedes says Mexico City is the coolest spot in Mexico.

Two young graduates of the Kansas School have found employment in Kansas City, Mo. They are Evelena Herrman, who works for the K. C. Button Company, and Paul Earnhart who works at the Wittaker Cable Company.

The Herman Vincents and their niece, Patsy, Stenhauer, left on August 15th for a three weeks vacation in California. They also toured other western states. On the way home, they stopped at Hugo, Okla., where Mrs. Vincent's family (the Haynes) had a family reunion. Mrs. George Stenhauer, of Leavenworth, Kan., returned to Kansas City from Hugo with the Vincents.

Lyle Mortensen and family went to Ogden, Utah, has home town, for their vacation to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Milan Butler have moved back to Dallas, Texas. Kansas City's loss is Dallas' gain.

The Charles Conrads of Wichita, Kan., were visitors at the Kansas City Club for the Deaf while on vacation in Kansas City August 23rd.

August 23rd the William Eades and James

Rupard drove to St. Louis to watch the St. Louis Cardinals play the New York Giants and to visit old friends.

Miss Catherine Kilcoyne has bought a home in Olathe, within walking distance of the Kansas School for the Deaf, where she is a teacher.

The convention of the Missouri Association of The Deaf was held at Columbia, Mo. during the Labor Day weekend. All officers were re-elected. Fred Murphy, K.C., is now in his sixth term as president; Mrs. Oliver Steinhaus, St. Louis, 1st v-pres.; Mrs. Mary Belle Coll, Kansas City, 2nd v-pres.; G. C. Farquahr, Fulton, sec'y; Norwin Yates, treasurer. Members of the board are G. Dewey Coates, Lydia Weber and Mr. Raymond Halback. Treasurer of the home fund is Max N. Mossel. Louis B. Orrill of Dallas, Texas, President of the Texas Association and a Board Member of the N.A.D., was an honored guest and gave a speech at the banquet. The M.A.D. will have a Golden Anniversary convention in St. Louis in 1954.

Robert Warren lost his left foot on September 8th. He had been in the General Hospital in Kansas City since his motorcycle accident in October 1951. The doctors tried to save Bob's foot by grafting from his right leg, but it was not successful.

Bowling season began on August 29th for K.C.C.D. women and the Valentine Drive-In women. In the men's league there are the Valentine Drive-In and the Irving's Men.

Bernice Barlow, who had been working in Washington, D.C. all summer, spent the week of September 7th visiting her parents in Independence, Mo. She returns to Gallaudet College as a junior this month. Frank Turk, of Washington, D.C., an assistant coach at Gallaudet, visited Bernice while she was vacationing at home.

In early September the Louis Butchers with daughter Cora and the Vernon Snyders toured New Mexico and part of old Mexico for two weeks.

On September 6, Doris Shanks and William Doonan were united in marriage by the Rev. A. E. Ferber at the Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf. Doris' sister was the matron of honor and William's cousin was best man.

William P. Raglund, Jr. and Jim Willison were ushers. After the wedding a reception was held in the church with Shirley Correll, Josephine Lynn and Dorothy Hyde serving. Doris and William will make their home in Wichita, Kansas. They spent one week honeymooning in Colorado. William's lime colored Ford was decorated appropriately.

The Wichita deaf who attended the Shanks-Doonan wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wellborn, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Green, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jennings, Adelia Hills and Doris Heil.

On August 17, the George Steinhauers crashed into a parked car during a heavy rain storm. Their injuries were minor, but a passenger, Fred Jordan, received more serious injuries. On August 25 Nick DiGraci went across an intersection as the lights turned green, and crashed into a fire truck. He lost his driving license for six months. Others in car accidents were Lloyd Looney, Jimmy Curtis, Wesley Livingstone, and William Baier.

The Bell Club of St. Louis, Mo., lost their lease and will have to look for another place.

#### WASHINGTON, D.C. . . .

Arnold Daulton has returned from two weeks spent at the bedside of his father being assured of the latter's recovery. He returned in a brand new car, a '52 Lincoln Capri model, the last word in luxury, and is back at work at the National Publishing Co.

Freddie Schreiber is busy moving his little family from Middleton, N.Y., to Washington, where he has located an apartment near the Robert Goodwins. Speaking of the Goodwins, Robert is seriously considering exchanging his Oldsmobile for a new Ford car.

The John Nesgoods of New York were recent visitors in the Nation's Capital and stayed as roomers at E. E. Bernsdorffs.

Rev. Otto Berg is looking around for an apartment. His family has to move from their home in Hyattsville, Md.

The home of the E. E. Bernsdorffs seems to be popular as a rooming house. The newest tenant is Inick Janulius of Hartford, Conn.

#### IOWA . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Konrad Hokanson, Karon and Roger of Portland, Oregon, spent ten days in Des Moines in mid-July with Konrad's aged mother and other relatives, then drove on to Kansas City, Mo., to see Zelma's relatives before turning homeward. At the same time, Harold and Ruth Hughes and two sons, also of Portland, were in Iowa visiting in their parental homes.

Mrs. Donald Nuernberger sent in her resignation as Girls' Physical Education Instructor and Coach at our school to live in her home town, Los Angeles, where husband "Nubby" has secured a linotype position. We shall miss them. The new instructor taking Elly's place is Miss Eleanor Cuscaden, from Nebraska and a '52 graduate of Gallaudet. Her father, Scott Sr., has long been employed at the school.

Louis Sorenson, Gallaudet '36 from South Dakota, who has been associated with a Lutheran School in Palmer, Nebraska, is now residing in Council Bluffs with his hearing wife and little daughter and is employed as a salesman.

Other newcomers in the Council Bluffs area are the Charles Doering family, recently of Sioux Falls, S.D. Charles commutes daily to Omaha where he has a position with the World Herald along with Joe Myklebust. Eugene McConnell also helped out on the night side at the World Herald during the summer months. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Roberts and family of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, have taken up residence here and Ed is employed in Omaha.

The Alfred Chandlers were in Iowa in July in time to help brother John with the harvest. They are now happily settled in their new



ranch type home, in Flagstaff, Arizona, and from it they have a beautiful view of the snow-capped San Francisco peaks in the distance.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holmes (nee Vera Gage) and three children left Council Bluffs late in July to make their home in Santa Fe, where Joseph will be employed as Boys' Counselor at the New Mexico School. He has held a similar position at I.S.D. for a number of years. Their many friends here wish them well in their new home.

The Jack Montgomerys and their two sons are back from their month long trip (6,400 mi.) to the west coast which took them as far south as Tijuana, Mexico, then north to San Francisco. The greater part of their time was spent in San Diego, with Edith's brother and in the Los Angeles area with Jack's folks. They were able to attend the huge picnic at Southgate June 15, also the Clubs at Long Beach, Los Angeles and Oakland. While in Berkeley, they were guests of the Cuengcos, who showed them San Francisco. En route home, they visited with Dolores (Atkinson) Gerrard '37 who still has her prosperous motel at Evanston, Wyoming. Yellowstone and the Black Hills were included on the homeward trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hansen, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Osborne, all of Council Bluffs, enjoyed a 3 weeks motor trip to southern California where they visited the latter's daughter, Mrs. Jack Dalbey and family at San Diego. They also visited in the Los Angeles area and in Ogden, Utah with the Zabels.

The Eugene McConnells vacationed in Pontiac, Michigan, with Iva's sister. While in Pontiac, they visited Mr. and Mrs. Claxton Hess (nee Kathryn Miller) and two young sons. Coming home, they took in the I.A.D. Convention in Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Koons, Sr., spent a 10-day vacation in Texas with Ross, Jr., and family, also stopped over at Shreveport, La. to see the Larry Marxers. En route home, near Bethany, Mo., both Mr. and Mrs. Koons were injured in an auto accident. They were brought to a Des Moines hospital where Mrs. Koons remains in a critical condition. Ross Sr., is about to be released from the hospital.

Mrs. Dennis Froehle and Mrs. Neil Mayberry were hostesses at a bridal shower for Mrs. Gerald Froehle formerly Eleanor Adams of Jamaica. The newlyweds are living in Des Moines, where Gerald is employed at Armstrong's Rubber Mfg. Company.

#### KENTUCKY . . .

September saw Danville residents returning home from vacations. Mrs. Kathleen Hoffmeyer returned from Hillsboro, Ill., and the Alfred Marshalls are home again from South Carolina and Florida. Mary Balasa and the Earl Elkinses spent their vacations in Chicago and Mrs. Margaret Royster and daughter, Mary Ann, traveled to West Virginia. Mary Kannapell and Virginia Ward motored to Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Louisiana, and as far south as Florida. Others who were away were the James Hesters to Cleveland and Western Kentucky; the James Beauchamps to Canada and the Russel Barksdales to Chattanooga, Tenn. The opening of school brought Mrs. Doris Burke from London, Kentucky; Miss Clyde Reynolds from Cave City, Ky.; and the Daniel Middletons from the western part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Marshall entertained twenty-one guests at their home August 21. The gathering honored Barbara and William Grow of Florida.

Mrs. and Mrs. Earl Elkins really went to town when they served a complete Chinese dinner to some thirty guests at their home August 27. The Elkinses really have what it takes when it comes to entertaining people.

Mrs. Pauline Wilkerson and Mrs. Mary

Balasa were co-hostesses at a China Shower honoring the Claude Hoffmeyer's 20th anniversary September 2 at Mary's house. Twenty-five invited guests attended and presented the Hoffmeyer's with a beautiful set of China as well as many other useful items.

Beth Ann Hoffmeyer, daughter of the Claude Hoffmeyers, entered St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Lexington, Ky., the 2nd of September.

The Joe Balasa's backyard was the setting for a fish-fry September 13, welcoming the Dan Middleton's back to Danville. The spacious back yard proved ideal for the occasion, to which were invited the Claude Hoffmeyers, the Alfred Marshalls, the Earl Elkinses, Virginia

Ward, and Mary Kannapell. Later in the evening the Carlie Woosleys of Burgin, Ky., and the Frank Baxters and John Simpsons of Elizabethtown, Ky., as well as Barbara Johnson, arrived to spend a very pleasant evening.

The Carrie Jasper McClure Bridge Club entertained at a small gathering September 14 at the home of the Alfred Marshalls to honor Dr. George McClure upon his birthday.

The Danville Frats held their annual fall outing at Gwinn Island on September 15, and everyone enjoyed the fish-fry given that day with Mary Balasa and Margaret Marshall serving as chefs. A good-sized crowd showed up for the event.

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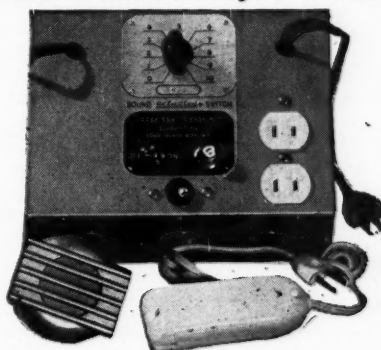


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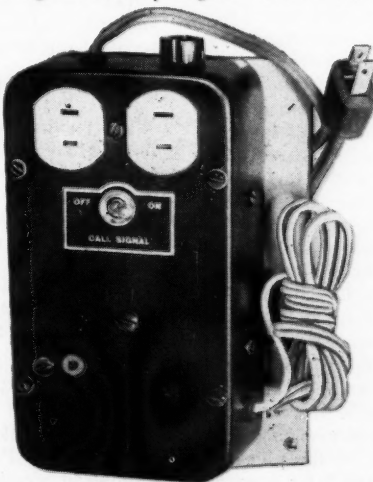
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# The Silent Printer

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In the humble opinion of the Silent Printer there is no trade more conducive to the public welfare, more essential to the progress of mankind, or the source of more satisfaction to those who practice it, than the trade of printing. The art of printing makes possible a reservoir, available to everyone, containing all the wisdom, the knowledge and the skills laboriously acquired by man through the ages. It makes possible the rapid spread of news, the recording of contemporary history for those who will follow us, it is an invaluable tool of advertising and trade. Without the art of printing most of the peoples of the world would be unable to read and write and the modern education of youth would be impossible. Printing is truly the "Art Preservative of all the Arts". It is said of Benjamin Franklin that, though he was one of the drafters of our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution, United States Minister to France, the first Postmaster General and an eminent statesman honored by individuals and the rulers of foreign lands, he was nevertheless, so proud of his trade that he always signed his name, "Benjamin Franklin, Printer".

This little oration was prompted by a conversation the Silent Printer had with another deaf printer not long ago. This man, who shall be nameless here, was very disgusted with the way he was earning his living. In his opinion printing was a very poor way to gain a livelihood, that is except for the good wages paid. It was monotonous, required little thinking or brains and was injurious to the health. He said he considered it a poor trade for the deaf, and wanted to get out of it if he could find another that paid as well. A man having that attitude toward his trade should certainly get out of it without delay, high wages or no. Such a man is harming not only himself, but his employer and the rest of the great number of deaf who are printers as well. He is doing himself a disservice in that such an attitude is depriving him of the pleasure in living that is necessary for a successful life. He is not putting forth his best efforts in his work and is producing only enough to get by and is thus withholding the full measure of that for which his employer is paying. His attitude cannot fail to be noticed by those with whom he works and they are naturally prone to the conclusion that all deaf printers harbor the same feeling toward

their work to the unjust discredit of the many deaf printers who take pride in their work and their trade.

Here's the November installment of the National Amalgamated Directory of deaf printers:

Frank T. Emerick, Stereotyper, Oakland Tribune, Oakland, Calif. Utah, Colorado, Washington and Oregon schools, (wonder which three he got kicked out of).

Carl C. Hibbs, Job Pressman and Paper Cutter, Universal Match Co. Ferguson, Missouri. Public school and 3 years in Illinois School for the Deaf. Michael Malko, Spencer-Walker Printing Co., Columbus, Ohio. Ohio School.

Jack L. Kondell, Photo Engraver, Chicago, Illinois. Wisconsin School.

Harry A. Kellner, Floorman, Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Missouri. Nebraska School, but learned trade elsewhere.

F. A. Caligiuri, Printer and Pressman at the O'Connell Press, Los Angeles, California.

William J. Wiggers, Display Machine Operator, Evansville Courier and Press, Evansville, Indiana. Indiana School. Mrs. Wiggers is our latest entry in the old timers race. He writes that he has been employed on his paper for 32 years and is No. 1 in seniority. Still a might shy of the record published in last month's column, though.

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Was reading the other day that the annual deficit of the Post Office is giving some concern to the brass hats in Washington. How about you and you and you doing something to help out by writing a letter to the Silent Printer telling him what you are doing, where you work and what school you are from, and if you learned your trade in school? Know any other news that may be of interest to deaf printers? Besides the postman is getting fat and lazy.

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In keeping with the spirit of the season, the Silent Printer is thankful for a number of blessings. Thankful he lives in America where freedom is a matter of course, that he enjoys good health and gets his three squares a day, has had the privilege of enjoying the companionship of his fellow deaf and above all that the fates decreed that he become a printer. Still and all though, he would welcome a formula for removing turkey gravy stains from his beard.

## SWinging . . .

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## MARYLAND . . .

Miss Edith Radcliffe, a teacher at M.S.S.D., was in Frederick Memorial Hospital as a result of a fall down a flight of steps at her home. Both wrists are badly injured—one remained in a cast for four weeks and the other for six weeks. The accident occurred on July 25. She has taught at M.S.S.D. for 39 years and prior to that taught for a short time in the Lexington School for the Deaf in New York. She is a member of an old Frederick family.

Arlein and Bob Brigrance of Silver Spring and their 14 months old daughter Betty, were dinner guests on August 3 of the Marcellus Klebergs.

Bob Stanley has obtained a teaching position at the Tennessee School for the Deaf but his wife, Irene, will continue to teach at the M.S.S.D. Only Dr. Bjorlee, the supt., knows who will succeed Mr. Stanley. The latter spent a couple of months in California visiting his parents and returned recently to gather his belongings.

Mrs. Glenn Knode hasn't been too well lately, being plagued by that old debbil, gall bladder. She's now under a doctor's care.

Another person on the sick list is Mr. Creager, who is also under a doctor's care but is all right otherwise.

The Benson family were among those who attended the wedding on August 23 of Alyce Bean and William Stifter. Both are Gallaudet grads of '52.

Elizabeth Benson, dean of women at Gallaudet College, completed her 8 weeks of teaching at Hampton Institute in Va., and spent a few days at home with her parents and sister before taking a plane on August 30 for Utica to attend the E.S.A.D. Convention at the invitation of her old friend, Supt. Fred Sparks of the Central N.Y. School for the Deaf in Rome.

## MINNESOTA . . .

August 17 saw a huge turn-out at the annual Frat picnic at Sauer's Park near North St. Paul. Under the chairmanship of Albert Toby, everyone had a lot of fun and joined in the various activities, many of them winning miniature loving-cups. Albert and his cohorts, Len Marx, Jim Jones, Walt Blinderman, Walt Ackers, deserve many a pat on the back for the success of the affair as well as the \$90 realized that afternoon. The Auxiliary Frats, headed by Mesdames Hahn and Perkins, took charge of the kitchen and saw to it that everyone was well fed. Visitors came from far-away, among them Sol Schwartzmann and the Arthur Petersons of Albert Lea; Lester Ahls of Waterloo, Ia., the Ed Johnsons and the Wesley Lauritsens of Faribault; the Leonard Johnsons of Mound; the Clifford Thompsons and the Barrons of Akron, Ohio; and John Matthews of Austin, Tex.

Condolences to William R. Johnson of Wright, Minn., whose mother passed away July 26, following a stroke suffered five days previous. She was only 70 and is survived by seven children, including William.

Taking in the sights below the border in Old Mexico following the NAD convention was Lyle Hansen with a group of Californians. He returned home via plane and later underwent surgery for a recurrence of varicose veins.

After visiting at the home of her sister Anna Sagel, Faye Ginsburg of Chicago went north for a week of high-life at Brainerd and the famous Breezy Point.

Tragedy struck the homes of the Donald O'Connors of Rochester, Minn., and the Glenn Pooles of Omaha, Neb., during August. Mrs. O'Connor, nee Isora Reinke of Iowa, was stricken with polio and died August 11, following only two days illness. Mr. Poole

died August 17, and is survived by his widow, the former Norma Corneliussen of Minnesota, and a 9 month old baby. Mrs. O'Connor leaves her husband and two small children. Both of the bereaved families have our sincerest sympathy.

John Fatticci underwent nasal surgery the end of July and is now up and about. Friends declare that he looks so much better and that heartens him no end.

Fred Sund and other deaf employees of Donaldson's in St. Paul, were laid off for two weeks as an aftermath of the recent steel strike. Installation of new patented presses from Germany resulted in the layoffs of Sheldon Taubert, Len Sunder, and William Berg, all of Brown and Bigelows. Len decided to seek employment elsewhere and reports are that he has quite a few positions lined up but does not know if he has secured work yet.

Friends of Phyllis Ravnikar were bidden to a wedding shower for her at Thompson Hall August 2 and presented her with many useful gifts. The wedding of Phyllis and John Welch has since taken place and they are busily setting up housekeeping. The bride graduated from Minnesota this year and John is a '50 grad of MSD.

Jim Grenell and Marilyn Zahrbock spent their vacations in the Bad Lands of South Dakota: Marlene Von Hippel and two girl friends from Wisconsin took a plane trip to Colorado and after two weeks around Denver and Colorado Springs, they returned via train: Russ Fetzter went west to Seattle, Wash., and stopped in Reno. He then went as far east as Chicago before returning.

Vacationers to our area during the summer were the Clifford Thompsons and the Barrons of Akron, Ia., guests at the home of the Charles Vadnaises of White Bear Lake. They then visited Madison, Minn., and returned to Akron via Iowa. Spending an August vacation in the Twin Cities were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mayes of Oxford, Neb., and their friend Paul Barret of Nebraska.

John Matthews of Austin has enrolled at Kendall School for study. He has been working in an Austin print shop the past couple of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Younggren paid a last minute visit to the Twin Cities September 3 before the opening of the Montana School.

Russ Corcoran has been confined to Northwestern Hospital with pneumonia and pleurisy. He suffered a relapse and was put into an oxygen tent for a week. Latest report has it that he is recuperating slowly but surely.

## COLORADO . . .

Denver was almost entirely deserted by the deaf over the Labor Day weekend. The Silent Athletic Club of Denver softball team, accompanied by boosters, traveled to Scottsbluff, Neb., to play against the Omaha Club of the Deaf team, with Denver emerging victor.

N.F.S.D. Div. No. 46 of Denver sponsored a grand old movie "The Birth of a Nation" on September 6th and drew a record-breaking crowd of 105 friends and visitors.

Norman Steele, of Kansas City, Mo., spent part of his vacation with the Herbert Votaws in Denver. After attending the Frat social on Sept. 6th, Norman was a guest at the Votaw cabin on Lookout Mountain and was taken for a drive through the mountains and for a visit to the Buffalo Bill Museum and grave atop Lookout Mountain. Norman left Denver for La Junta, Colo., to visit Everett Marshall, the wrestler, before going home to Kansas City.

Beginning August 29th, the Don Warnicks and the Fred Schmidts took an extensive two week trip in the Schmidt 1949 Buick. The foursome went South to Bryce Canyon; San Diego and across the border to Old Mexico; Los Angeles; San Francisco; Oregon and Washington and across the border to Vancouver, British Columbia, and back to Seattle,

and home to Denver through Montana and Yellowstone Park.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Krohn of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, were visitors in Denver September 13 to 15. They had been to Billings, Mont. to visit their son, Waldemar, who is in the service and came to Denver to visit some relatives. Not finding the relatives at home, the Krohns called on the Herbert Votaws, who took them for a mountain drive and to their cabin to see the city lights of Denver at night. Mrs. Krohn is the South Dakota reporter for

## THE SILENT WORKER.

The Stephen Riccis have at last moved into their new home which was a wedding gift from his father. The Riccis were married in April.

The softball season ended for the SAC boys and bowling season began in early September with a mixed league on Tuesday nights. Basketball will soon be under way and we can say there are quite a few new additions to the team from out-state.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Anderson (nee Thelma

# The LONG View

By Elmer Long

## My Deaf Nose

Every once in a while my wife takes me by the hand and leads me, by a subtle and circuitous route, to the cosmetic counter of the local drug store. While I fidget restlessly, standing first on one leg and then on the other, she



ELMER LONG

fusses happily with the multitude of fancy bottles of lotion cream, perfume, etc., etc. From time to time she attracts my attention to a particularly pretty bottle of something or other and asks, "Don't you think this matches my complexion?" and even before I have incoherently sighed "Yes, very pretty," she has forgotten it and become interested in some other item.

Invariably, however, she ends up by opening a bottle of cologne, dabbing a drop of it on the back of her hand, and holding it under my nose. "Doesn't that smell divine?" she coos. "Do you like it?" She peers at me anxiously as though the fate of the world depended upon my answer.

Judiciously, I take another sniff. "It seems all right to me," I reply laconically. "Yes. I'm sure . . . it is a lovely smell."

Somewhat doubtfully, she screws the cap back on and reaches for another bottle. "How do you like this?" she asks, holding it under my nose.

"Well," I say, hesitantly, "it isn't as nice as the first one, but it's O.K."

Triumphantly, she purchases the first bottle, and my torture is over for the time being.

Unfortunately, through nine years of these little trips to the drug store, I have never caught even the faintest hint of an aroma from these bottles of effervescent perfume and cologne. Naturally, I don't want to admit this. I realize how much stock women place in their cosmetics, and rather than disappoint a wife who is eager to please, I rave about any and all perfumes. The fact is, years

of smoking anywhere from 30 to 40 cigarettes a day have given me what I call a "deaf nose." No odor, neither the vilest nor the sweetest, gets past my olfactory organs. Not only are they deaf, they are practically dead and my little woman could just as effectively use a distillate of skunk oil and sour apples—I'd never know the difference.

Possession of a deaf nose has many advantages, as may be readily seen. When she burns the steak (which, I hasten to add, is not very often) it doesn't bother me at all. Of course it is inconvenient to have to open all the windows, but then that is but a small sacrifice to keep peace in the family. I merely put on my coat and continue reading the paper. The smell doesn't hurt me at all.

Sometimes, of late, I think she has begun to suspect that my nose is not all a nose should be. The other evening she said, "Do you smell gas? I think there must be a leak in the gas pipe some place."

Naturally, I denied it, without thinking. "Can't smell a thing," I said, (truthfully). "You must be imagining it."

At her insistence, however, I dismantled the stove and after three-quarters of an hour I found a small leak and fixed it for her. All that evening I noticed her looking at me queerly. Finally she burst out, "Why did you say you didn't smell it?"

I pretended not to understand her question.

I dread the day when she finally discovers my deaf nose. It is bound to be a terrible shock. She will remember those dozens of bottles of cologne that I have raved about, and will begin to wonder just what kind of stuff she has been buying. Worst of all, the knowledge will ruin, for her, the innocent pleasure she has always derived from her forays upon the cosmetics counters.

As for me—well, those trips to the drug store always did bore me, and since my smeller doesn't work, I never could see the sense in throwing away good money on a little amber fluid in a fancy bottle. May be it won't be so bad after all!



Long) of Los Angeles, Calif., were Denver visitors during July.

Wayne Bell has left Denver for California, where he hopes to find employment. A farewell picnic-party was given him by his friends.

A barn dance at the SAC on September 20 drew a large crowd, with quite a few from northern Colorado. With the aid of her helpers, Chairlady Mary Cusaden kept everyone busy with games and dancing. The hall was decorated with corn stalks and colored streamers and the floor was covered with straw, giving a very barn-like atmosphere. Another attention-drawing feature is the new bar built by the SAC members.

The Thomas Coultsons of Denver took their oldest son to Colorado Springs to enter the Colorado School and came back marveling about the new school building which is now completed. The old building was destroyed by fire in the spring of 1949 and the new building has been in progress for almost three years.

## NEBRASKA . . .

The convention of the Nebraska Association of the Deaf at Scottsbluff, Aug. 30 and 31, was one of the best and most entertaining in the history of the N.A.D., and is at this time yet the talk of the town among the local deaf. The entertainment side of the convention was excellent; a trip to the top of Scottsbluff Monument for a short hike across the top and a view of the North Platte River Valley below and a group picture; an outing and a softball game between Omaha

and Denver (younger deaf men); a banquet in the hotel and a banquet program; and last but not least, a dance in the hotel club lounge. All these were on Sunday, the 31st, from morning until night, so it was a full day.

The convention was attended by almost 140 people, most of them from within the state, including about 50 from Omaha alone, and the rest from adjoining states, Colorado and Wyoming, and a few from as far as New York State and Washington State. One noticeable thing about the attendance at the convention was the presence of many young deaf people, including even some pupils from the Nebraska School and the Colorado School. It seemed that those young people made up about half of the attendance.

The result of the election of new officers of the N.A.D. are as follows: Hans Neujahr, Omaha, pres.; Miss Rose Stepan, Omaha, 1st v-pres.; Thomas Peterson, Omaha, sec'y; John Scheneman, Omaha, treas. The N.A.D. auditing committee remains the same—Messrs. Falk, Cuscaden and Treuke.

The next convention of the N.A.D. will be in Omaha in 1955.

Among those at the convention were the Wayne Boyers of Williamson, N.Y. They came all the way for the convention—Wayne is an alumnus of the Nebraska School and his old home was at Mullen, where he still has some relatives. Mrs. Boyer is a N.Y. State woman, but she used to live at Mullen for a few years.

Mrs. Edmond Berney of Omaha, formerly Wanda Marshall of Chicago, had company for several weeks during the summer. It was her mother from Chicago and she brought greetings from deaf friends of the Windy City to Wanda. The Bernys are well settled in their own home, and have three children, two boys and a girl. The oldest boy is a junior at the University of Omaha. Mr. Berney has been employed for several years at the Swanson and Co. Plant in Omaha.

Tom and Dolly Peterson had company at home after returning from the convention in Scottsbluff. First, Dolly's younger son, Joe came home on leave from the Navy and then the other son, John and his wife, Lorraine from Washington, D.C. came on their vacation. Joe left September 14th by plane to report for duty at San Diego, Calif., and he will not be back for two years or more. He has been in the Navy a year already, and has been overseas to Japan and Korea. John and Lorraine returned to Washington the 25th of September. They both work for the Navy in the Pentagon and have an apartment in Alexandria, Virginia.

Tom and Dolly were quite busy entertaining Joe and John and Lorraine and took them down to the bowling alleys to watch the Omaha Club of the Deaf bowl.

Mrs. John Eckstrom, mother of Harry Eckstrom, passed away September 17 in a local hospital from the effects of a major operation. She was the youngest sister of Mrs. James Jelinek.

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## SOUTH DAKOTA . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ruedebusch went with Arvin Massey in his "Henry J." to St. Louis, Mo., the weekend of August 24th, where Mrs. Ruedebusch was to be a bridesmaid for a girl friend. The bridal couple returned with Mrs. Ruedebusch for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Skorheim have been enjoying life by taking long vacation trips each summer. This summer they took their second trip to California, visiting their son who works in the West.

Friends here rejoiced to hear that Karla, older daughter of the Edwin Roberts of Omaha, Neb., formerly of Sioux Falls, has fully recovered from bulbar type polio. Just as this news was ready to be sent to THE SILENT WORKER, it was learned that the younger daughter has contracted polio and is quite ill. Friends hope for her speedy recovery.

The Joseph Servold family took it easy this year, their vacation being spent in cool Denver, visiting her relatives as well as old acquaintances.

Being unable to obtain work in a defense plant on account of poor eyesight, Mildred Burkard got work as a short order cook in Detroit. Rumors have been going around that she is wearing "something" on her left hand.

Mrs. Martin Johnson was called to Faith, S.D., by the death of her aged mother. Sympathy goes to her.

Clark Berke and family spent their vacation visiting relatives in Detroit June 27 to July 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Roman Berke have been

getting some excitement for they have acquired a new daughter-in-law and a son-in-law within 13 days. Jerry married a hearing girl on August 16th and Phyllis, on August 29th, married William Holdenbrand, a station agent at Alcester. Congratulations to all.

A bountiful shower of very practical gifts was given to Phyllis Berke at the home of her aunts, Misses Mabel and Marjorie Stearns, August 28. Assisting the Misses Stearns were Mrs. Roman Berke, Mrs. Herbert Stearns and Mrs. Clark Berke.

All friends send their sympathy to Peter Dalgaard of Sherman, who lost his 95 year old father. He was in excellent health till he had a major operation which proved fatal through shock. Burial was in California but Peter was unable to attend the rites because of the farm pressure.

Mrs. Anna Olson was made happy once more when her son Llyod and family of Rapid City, spent a week with her. She also got acquainted with their third child, born last June.

In a service at the Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf on August 24th, the Rev. R. F. Cordes was installed as pastor for the deaf of Sioux Falls and surrounding territory. Rev. Cordes succeeds the Rev. Curtis Schleicher, who had served the deaf on a full time basis from 1944 to 1949 and since then in conjunction with his duties as pastor of another church. Rev. Cordes comes to Sioux Falls from St. Paul, Minn., where he served the deaf for ten years. Following the services, the Ladies' Aid served cookies and punch.

## OREGON . . .

Well on the road to recovery is C. Lynch, who has spent quite some time in the hospital following a heart attack. The numerous letters and cards of encouragement probably had a lot to do with it. Another local convalescent is Mrs. Hammel of Salem who came through a recent operation with flying colors.

Have you seen that '52 Chevrolet that the Emil Moreau's are driving? The Frank Aman's are also owners of a '52 auto.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Frank Thayer who passed away September 14. Frank was a long time resident of Portland and always ready and willing to help with affairs of the Rose City Club of which he was an active member. He will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Bird Craven played hostess to Lenore Bible of Los Angeles for two weeks during the end of the summer. Both of them spent several days touring up to Victoria, B.C., and other places around Washington State.

Word has just been received by friends locally that Ray Schierman has decided to make Oakland, Calif., his permanent place of residence. Though he will be missed around Portland, friends here wish him luck.

Mr. Mayhew Norton has started a new rage around Portland in the way of parties. Called a Fratex Party, the gatherings consist of the showing of various kinds of fabric for the home, a material called Fratex. The parties have become numerous and bid fair to con-

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tinue for some time as most of the girls are planning parties at their respective homes. The saleslady is none other than the hearing daughter of our Mrs. Caldwell and, as she is familiar with the sign language, the "commercials" are easily understood.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Adams are almost completely settled in their beautiful new Ranch-home. As the new place is just across the street from their former residence, it will be no chore at all for friends to find the new locale.

Mr. and Mrs. James McGuire left Portland the end of the summer for several weeks in the East. Their main destination was New York State, the place where James was born.

## KANSAS . . .

While on their vacation in June, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Watkins of Newton visited Springfield and Kansas City, Mo., Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha, Neb. At Council Bluffs, Superintendent Berg of the Iowa School showed them around the campus, and they called on Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Lahn. At Omaha, they visited the famous Boys' Town.

A large crowd was present for the annual Topeka picnic August 17. Before rain broke up the picnic, everyone enjoyed the good food and visiting with one another. Two reunions after 47 years were enjoyed by Mrs. Anna Gerwert of Tulsa and Mrs. W. S. Dibble of Wichita and Mr. Crusa Allmon of Kansas City and Stanley Dibble.

Miss Mina Munz and Pauline Conwell were over-night guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Malm at Topeka, there for the picnic.

Also at the Topeka picnic was Miss Olga Benedet, who has returned to her home in Pittsburg after spending a couple of years in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. Mary Paxton of Blaine died of a heart ailment August 9. She was 87 years old and lived with her son-in-law, Walter Kistler. Mrs. Paxton was last seen at the Manhattan picnic in July.

Mrs. Edward McIlvain is now living at Merriam, Kansas. Her daughter, Mrs. Frances McIlvain Dresker, and husband also moved to Merriam from Overland Park.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Malm of Topeka received word from their son, Bobby, in Japan, that he is well and safe. His ship, the U.S.S. Boxer, was badly damaged by an explosion recently and is in dry dock for repairs.

Victor Hilderman of Topeka spent his two-weeks vacation in Salt Lake City, Yellowstone Park and Denver.

Luther Taylor of Jacksonville, Ill., visited his nieces and nephews in Wichita for several days recently. While there, he attended his fraternity picnic August 31. On his return home, he stopped over in Olathe.

Misses Lois McGlynn and Helen Detrich of Hutchinson gave a blue and pink shower for Mrs. Lawrence McGlynn August 16 at the Hutchinson Club for the Deaf. Out-of-town guest was Miss Mary Williams of Hunter, who was spending the week with Miss McGlynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Thomas and family of Wichita were Labor Day weekend guests at the Orville Ingle home in Tulsa, Okla. While there, they visited the Will Rogers ranch at Claremore, Okla.

Miss Jeanette Harms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Harms of Wichita, and Donald Short were married at the First Baptist Church in Wichita, July 3 and are residing there.

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# CHECKMATE!

By

"Loco" Ladner



## The National Tournament

A little more than a year has passed since the start of the Second National Chess Tournament of the Deaf which is sponsored by THE SILENT WORKER. We can report that more than 70 games have been completed and that less than fifty remain to be concluded. We expect most of them to be reported by April 15. Any games left after that date will be adjudicated by a committee of three players.

Some of the games have been declared forfeited due to the failure of players to observe the time limit rule of two days. All players must reply within two days after receipt of a card, Sundays and holidays not being counted.

As soon as a player wins a section, he will be started on games in the finals. Two games will be played against each opponent, with each player getting White in one game and Black in the other. There will probably be six or seven finalists, depending on ties for first place. Trophies will be presented to the winner and runner-up, and possibly to the third place man.

Here are the latest results and standings in the tournament: Section One: This has just been completed with Larry Leitson the winner with a perfect record of 8-0. He is followed by Eduard Laivins, who has 6-2. Laivins played under the handicap of not being familiar with the English language and this has probably prevented him from playing his best by mail. We expect him to be stronger as soon as he masters the language. Troy Hill is third with a 4-4 record. Maldonado had to forfeit and so ended with a 2-6 record. Bush also forfeited and has 0-8.

Section 2: Both Font and Rosenkjar defeated Skogen. Garretson has 2-0; Font, 3½-½; Kannapell 3½-½; Rosenkjar 2-1; Skogen, 0-8.

Section Three: Skinner lost several games on time forfeits to Ladner and Leitson. Stevenson finally defeated Ladner after five previous failures. As we said before, Steve is becoming the Paul Bunyan of Chess, especially since he moved to Montana. Font and Stevenson have 4-1 records; Ladner 4-2; Leitson 2-3; Skinner 0-7.

Section Four: Shipley 2, Foster 0; Shipley 1, Dunn 0. Kannapell leads, 1-0; Shipley, 3-1; Dunn, 1-1; Foster, 0-3; Skinner, 0-0.

Section Five: Krouse defeated Adler

and took the lead, 3-0, followed by Ladner, 2-0; and Adler, 2-1. Leon has 0-6.

Section Six: Bush surrendered to Rosenkjar. Stevenson has 4-0; Rosenkjar 2-0; Dunn, 2-0; Kennedy, 2-2; Bush, 0-8.

## California State Championship

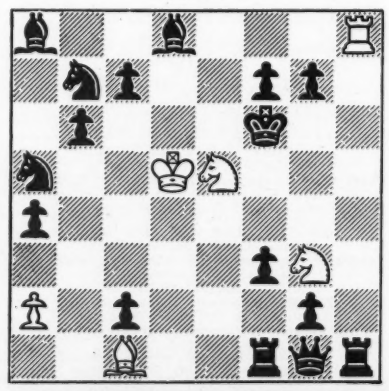
Chess was part of the program of the California Association of the Deaf Convention in Oakland during Labor Day week-end. The Northern California team showed its superiority over Southern California by a crushing 3-0 victory. The individual championship was taken by Emil Ladner after three hard fought games against runner-up, Einer Rosenkjar. The first two games were draws and finally, in the third game, Einer miscalculated (left his slide rule home) and lost his knight. A dark horse, Cheney of Vallejo, took third over Bernard Bragg of Berkeley. Bob Skinner was not on hand to defend his title, won in 1950. Incidentally Bragg, a recent graduate of Gallaudet and now a teacher at the California School, has been absorbing chess strategy like a sponge and bids fair to become a strong player very soon.

## The End Game

Solution to the Casablanca-Marshall end game: 1. Q-K8 check, K-N4; 2. P-B4 check, K-N5; 3. Q-K2 mate. If 2. . . K-B3, then Q-R8 check wins.

We have a good appetizer this month in the form of an unusual problem submitted by L. Campi. With so many men, Black should win easily. But White's two Knights gallop to the rescue of their King. How they form an invincible team and save White, we leave to you.

BLACK



WHITE to move and?



# SPORTS AT THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

By Luther C. Shibley and Frank M. Slater

*Editor's Note: The authors are to be thanked greatly for getting this article out. It was some job, for the school had absolutely no files or records. They had to write letters to ex-coaches like Early Bell and Nathan Zimble before they could*



L. C. SHIBLEY

*get anything to work on. However, it was a job well done, and we would welcome more articles like this one.*

Luther C. Shibley, since graduation from Gallaudet college in 1927 has taught at ASD for twenty-five years. He also has been manager of the Little Rock Association of the Deaf basketball teams ever since the Association first sponsored basketball. He is well known all over the country through his widely scattered graduates and



F. M. SLATER

for his great teams which have stood out in both local and national tournaments.

A coming leader of American deafdom, Frank M. Slater attended the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and graduated from Gallaudet college in 1951. While at the college he was sports editor of *The Buff and Blue*. He is now a teacher and assistant coach at ASD and also player-coach of the Little Rock Silents.

LAST SPRING when the sports writers began totting up the totals and passing judgment on the basketball teams in Arkansas, as usual they used the same line in describing the season record of the Arkansas School for the Deaf cagers. "The school for the deaf's team turned in another great record when they won 20 games and lost only 7." This was an enviable mark and probably would have satisfied any group of alumni, but the ASD Alumni sadly shook their heads and branded it a "poor" season.

"Poor" seasons usually occur here whenever the team drops two or more games in one campaign. Loyal alumni will more likely turn to the 1940s or 1930s and point with pride to such seasonal records as 24 victories and 1 defeat, 25 victories and 2 defeats, or perhaps 1941's all time mark of 26 victories and no defeats. Win streaks here create little excitement but lose a game and brother, well brother, they have fired on Fort Sumter again!

Although best known for its cage powerhouses, the ASD sports parade by no means confines itself to basketball. The wrestling team under Nathan Zimble once won 13 straight State AAU Championships, the 1938 football team was unbeaten and untied, the 1915 baseball team won the state high school baseball championship, and ASD track stalwarts still proudly point to a number of track records that have been standing for as long as ten years.

Individuals by the dozens have made a name for themselves wearing the gold and blue of the Leopards. In baseball there were Floyd Keatherly, Earl Bell and Charles Athy. In basketball it was Clyde Nutt, John L. Jackson, Wallis Beatty, Lonnie Tubb, Sherman Westfall, and a host of others. In football Larren

Musteen, Alton Smith and Robert Steed were just a few of the many gridders whose cleat marks are still being traced by ASD yearlings in admiring ogle. For wrestling there were the likes of Jack Craig, Willis Mote and Albert Thompson. In track there were the Fred Gunns and B. Edmaistons.

The following story, taken at random from the ASD past records only spotingly reports the history of athletics for the past fifty years. At schools like Arkansas School for the Deaf where champions are so common, hardly anyone bothers to count 'em.

First, let's take a glance at some of the outstanding basketball achievements of the Arkansas School for the Deaf.

Using the 12 schools for the deaf basketball tournaments as a good cross section of basketball achievements. ASD has won 38 games and lost only 8. In those 12 meets it was champion 7 times, runner-up twice and third place three times.

Below is the record of the 12 schools for the deaf basketball tournaments in which ASD has participated:

- 1927—Dixie Tournament at Atlanta, Ga., first place, won 2 and lost 0.
- 1928—Dixie Tournament at Atlanta, Ga., first place, won 3 and lost 0.
- 1929—Dixie Tournament at Atlanta, Ga., first place, won 3 and lost 0.
- 1930—Southern Tournament at Little Rock, Ark., third place, won 2 and lost 2.
- 1934—Gulf Tournament at Baton Rouge, La., third place, won 4 and lost 2.
- 1937—Southern Tournament at Talladega, Ala., third place, won 4 and lost 1.
- 1938—Southern Tournament at Little Rock, Ark., second place, won 5 and lost 1.
- 1939—Southern Tournament at Jackson, Miss., second place, won 3 and lost 1.

The 1929 team that won the Michaels Trophy for ASD by winning the Dixie Schools for the Deaf basketball tournament for the third consecutive year, thereby retiring it.

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- 1940—Southwest Tournament at Austin, Tex., first place, won 3 and lost 1.
- 1941—Southwest Tournament at Sulphur, Okla., first place, won 3 and lost 0.
- 1941—National Tournament at Jacksonville, Ill., first place, won 3 and lost 0.
- 1948—Southwest Tournament at Sulphur, Okla., first place, won 3 and lost 0.

The 1929 team retired the Rev. J. W. Michaels Trophy by winning it for the third consecutive time in the Dixie tournament. While Charles Wrenn and Robert Worrell were two of the greatest players in the cage history of ASD, many people think this team was so powerful because it had a well balanced attack and any member of the starting five could take over the scoring load. Lonnie Tubb, the Thomas brothers and the aforementioned two players made up the starting five. Worrell was still setting records as late as 1950. That year he surely established the record for being the oldest player in the AAAD tournaments when he went to the national basketball tournament at Washington, D.C., as a member of Little Rock's entry. He was 41 at that time.

The 1941 squad, coached by Clyde Van Cleve and assisted by Lawrence Rountree, made athletic history by going through a twenty-three game season without a defeat and by bowling over six schools for the deaf in a row to win both the Southwest and National basketball championships. This accomplishment made the Arkansas Leopards the pick of twenty-two schools for the







A typical Zimble-coached team. This is the 1931 team that won State AAU championship. L. to R., back row: Lawrence Wood, Marion Noe, Merle Musteen, Albert Thompson, Merle Goodin. Front: Coach Nathan Zimble, Joel Weber, Larren Musteen, Richard Leach, Ross Bailey.

deaf that took an active part in various sectional tournaments.

Following their victories in the Southwest meet over Texas 55-34 Oklahoma 49-35 and Missouri 49-37, sateen-clad Arkansas Leopards entered the 7th annual and last National Basketball Tournament and walked away with the crown by virtue of three straight wins over Wisconsin 42-28, Mt. Airy 42-34 and Illinois 45-39, the first ASD had ever won and the third championship to go south of the Mason-Dixon line.

This five, by the way, was the tallest

school for the deaf team and probably the tallest high school squad in the country. In their stocking feet they measured as follows: Wayne Schlieff, 6 ft. 1 in., and so down the line or up Sigman, 6 ft. 2 in., Glenn Robertson, 6 ft. 1 in., and so down the line or up the line as you desire.

ASD, which had advanced to many a state high school tourney only to falter in semifinal and final games, finally grabbed the state Class B high school championship in 1949 by overpowering its large, scrappy foes from Northwest

Arkansas, Western Grove High School, in the finals, 54-49.

For Coach Edward Foltz' outfit it was the 24th triumph of the campaign against a single reverse, that on a one-point decision, and it climaxed one of the most successful seasons in ASD cage history.

Clyde Nutt, forward; Jodie Passmore, forward, and Maxwell Mercer, guard, were selected by coaches and officials on the all-state basketball teams. Clyde was proclaimed the greatest player in the state. His long pushers, and whirling, two-hand jump shots netted 638 points for the Class B Champion Leopards in 25 games — a little over 25 points per contest. He climaxed a brilliant prep career with a 35 point production in the Class B final. In other state tourney games, Nutt scored 24, 28 and 26.

The Foltz-tutored basketball team of 1948 also had a great season, winning 25 out of 27 games played for a percent of .926. It won the Southwest schools for the deaf tournament at Sulphur, Okla., won the District 6, reached the semi-finals in the State meet and was awarded the Best Coached Trophy. Nutt and J. L. Jackson made the All-Southwest deaf team. Nutt, Jackson and Mercer were picked on the All-District team with Nutt being selected captain. Jackson and Nutt made the All-State team.

Now, for better reading, the following is a list of ASD's cage greats of the past fifty years:

**CLYDE NUTT — King of Kings**  
**CHARLES WRENN**  
**GLENN WORRELL**

ASD's greatest football team, the 1938 edition, that swept through the season undefeated, amassing 250 points to its opponents' 46. Not a tie marred its record of nine straight victories. L to r: Front row: Augusta Howton, Eulless Small, W. E. Stewart, Mascot Don Henderson, Jerome Drake, Richard Leach, Fred Nutt, Bedford Rodman. Middle row: Willie Huff, Verna Voss, Bradford Gardner, Larren Musteen, Herman Woodward, Willie Brown, Audrey Fullbright. Top row: Supt. D. T. Henderson, Cleburne Harris, Glenn Robertson, Wayne Schlieff, Alton Smith, Earlen Fields, James Hicks, James Grimes, Robert Steed and Coach Van Cleve. The big fellow, Alton Smith, is generally regarded as the school's all-time greatest football player, 235 pounds of fear-throwing power.



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**MAXWELL MERCER — Best**  
**Field General**  
**JODIE PASSMORE**

Unfortunately, we are unable to include the names of two sure-fire "greats" in this list, as they still have another year of school left. They are Franklin Chism and Edward Ketchum.

Out here at the Arkansas School for the Deaf they certainly have what it takes in the art of grappling. Since the first wrestling team at the school was organized in 1926, ASD has chalked up some twenty State AAU championships.

Naturally, credit for the success of the school's numerous AAU titles should go to Nathan Zimble. He was "Mr. Wrestling" while at ASD, for he started the sport and kept championships going all the while.

The following tribute to Zimble went over KARK radio station on April 20, 1942 and speaks for itself:

Tired of being used as a human medicine ball by fellow students, a college junior in utter self-defense took to the ancient Grecian pastime of wrestling one spring day in 1923 in the nation's capital. Today we honor the college student who last night witnessed the successful culmination of the State AAU wrestling championship in Little Rock. It was a double triumph for Nathan Zimble! First, because it meant the thirteenth successive year he has played a dominant role in bringing the state championship to the Arkansas School for the Deaf, at which institution he organized the first wrestling team in 1926. Second, because it was one of the finest tournaments ever held in the state and because it was the fifth consecutive year he has served as chairman of the state-wide AAU wrestling committee.

Zimble organized the first wrestling team at the school for the deaf in 1926 and entered a team in the first state tournament held last year. Three years later his charges won their first team championship, and it was naturally with some regret that Zimble was forced to turn the reins over to someone else last year after he had garnered twelve successive championship plaques.

When Zimble arrived in Little Rock to launch a brilliant teaching career, his sole interest in starting wrestling at the school was in helping boys who for various reasons were unable to participate in other forms of competitive sport. When the Little Rock Boys' Club inaugurated wrestling for boys under 105 pounds he started adding smaller boys to the deaf school squad. Today most boys between the ages of six and eight come out for the sport. This has insured the future success of the school's wrestling program. Zimble has given wholehearted interest to these youngsters because of their intense ambition. And, too, because wrestling showed him the way to health and an active life after



**ALL CONQUERORS**—The Arkansas School for the Deaf basketball team of 1941 that went through its 20-game schedule unbeaten and defeated six schools for the deaf in a row to win Southwest and National titles for a perfect record of 26 wins. Left to right, seated: Glenn Robertson, Coy Sigman, Alton Smith, Wayne Schlieff, Harvey Williams; standing, Coach Clyde Van Cleve, Bradford Gardner, Gordon Vick, Donald King, Fred Nutt, Dewey White, Verna Voss, Acting Coach Lawrence Rountree. It scored a total of 1,236 points to its opponents' 635. Scoring twins, Robertson and Sigman, scored 496 and 468 points respectively. Smith, center; Sigman, forward, and Robertson, forward, were named to All-American team.

an unfortunate illness when he was fourteen years old which left him hopelessly deaf.

It was at Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C., where he graduated as class valedictorian in 1924, that Zimble became interested in wrestling. Being too light for football and basketball because he had to drink several glasses of water in rapid succession to scale an even hundred pounds at that time, he worked out in the gymnasium. Whenever he made his appearance the football huskies would actually use him as a medicine ball or slam him on the wrestling match. Upon the suggestion of the trainer he took up wrestling more as a matter of self-defense than as a form of exercise. Two years of college wrestling brought him once more on the road to health. Better than that, it allowed him to live a peaceful life. Hard work had its reward and the following year he won the 112 pound championship in the South Atlantic AAU tournament. In addition, it earned him the respected title "Mighty Atom" by his husky colleagues who only two years before had been tossing him around like a medicine ball. In the same year, 1924, he was runner-up in the National AAU championships and the Olympic tryouts.

Zimble started his teaching career at the Arkansas School for the Deaf, serving four years as a teacher in the high school depart-

ment. He was then promoted to assistant principal and nine years ago was named principal, a position he now holds in addition to that of ex-officio wrestling coach. (He left his teaching profession in 1945, and since then he has given quite a bit of time to his hobby "watch repairing" in his native city, Philadelphia, Pa. He, however, was for a year teacher at the Rome, N.Y., school for the deaf, 1950-51. — Ed.)

Through painstaking effort and hard, conscientious work he has successfully passed his knowledge of the sport on to countless hundreds of youths who are today fighting the battle of life in true sportsmanlike manner. Instruction, naturally, was not easy. Demonstrations of holds and the use of enlarged pictures and charts of the various grips and holds were used in the early years. Later knowledge of the sport came by actual contact and matches.

And so, sport fans, we present the MAN OF THE WEEK in Sports in Arkansas — NATHAN ZIMBLE. A man who has built well during his life as teacher and instructor. We are sending you today, NATHAN ZIMBLE, a memento of this occasion which we hope you will keep, throughout the years as a symbol of our appreciation of the fine work you have done for the less fortunate youths of our grand country.

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State Class B High School champions, 1949. L. to R., bottom row: Howard Poe, Jack Riley, Clyde Nutt, Maxwell Mercer, Lawrence McCain, Jodie Passmore. Top row: Howard Johnson, Charles Wilson, Billy Whitson, Victor Bulloch, Coach Edward S. Foltz. This team finished the season with a record of 24 wins against only one defeat. The single defeat was administered by an "A" school team and was later avenged. Nutt, Mercer, and Passmore were selected on the All-State team for their fine all-around play. The team amassed 1301 points in winning the state crown and limited opposing teams to 850. This was the year in which Nutt set the all-time school record for most points in one season—638. ASD sharpshooters are still shooting at that record.

Nathan Zimble's 1943 wrestling team was selected as the Team of the Week in Sports over KARK radio station on April 25, 1943. The following went out over the air at the time:

It would be unfair to select one champion from the School for the Deaf wrestling team as MAN OF THE WEEK IN SPORTS IN ARKANSAS so the popular sponsor of this program today has given the honor to the team for winning the state AAU title here last week.

Also, in on the honor is Nathan Zimble, who completed his seventh year as chairman of the AAU committee and tourney team. It was under his guidance that wrestling became a sport at the deaf school and when the coach resigned early this year, Mr. Zimble took over. Since wrestling was started at the deaf school in 1926 teams have won fourteen AAU championships. Thirteen of these were consecutive triumphs from 1929 through 1941. No team has entered in 1942 because of assorted illnesses of wrestlers but several of the students managed to win individual championships.

So Coach Zimble and his 13-man team — the sponsors name them "MEN OF THE WEEK IN SPORTS IN ARKANSAS."

Students on the team participating in the tourney were: Edward Ketchum, Billy Welch, Billy Whitson, Jodie Passmore, Paul Traweck, Jack Owens, Kenneth McBride, Felix Grigby, Burrell Griffiths, Bob Haggard, Jackie Craig, Wallis Beatty, and Jack Fox.

Ketchum, Whitson and Traweck won titles in the special weights division. In the regular weights the following were the winners: McBride, 115 pound; Haggard, 135 pound; Craig, 145 pound and Fox, 165 pound.

So to Coach Zimble and his charges our sponsor adds his congratulations and best wishes. They have done a splendid job and their city and state are proud of them.

Just for the record we asked Nathan Zimble to name his all-time wrestler. He has the following to say:

"It's hard to put my finger on any one wrestler and set him up on a pedestal as the ALL-TIME WRESTLER. I do recall a team that made a clean sweep

in every weight division, taking all first and second places but I can't give you the exact year or the names of the grapplers. We had so many good wrestlers that it's really a tough job selecting any one of them for top honors. Off hand I'd mention Willis Mote as our outstanding heavyweight, who took second place in the Southwest AAU championships and Olympic tryouts. Albert Thompson was another outstanding grappler who won a long string of championships and excelled at his top weight of 135 pounds and who eventually took over the reins as wrestling coach when I retired from the game. Jackie Craig was another great mat artist. He won the championship in every tournament in which he competed. He won his first crown in 1934 in the 55 pound class and won championships in successive years in the following classes: 65 pound, 75 pound (two years in a row), 95 pound, 105 pound, 118 pound and so on and stands out as one of the outstanding wrestlers of the school."

No story about sports at the Arkansas school would be complete without a few words about Earl L. Bell, who

was ASD coach for 18 years from 1920 to 1938. He is now connected with the Mississippi school for the Deaf as dean of boys, and will be in charge of the 6th annual Southwest Athletic Association of the Deaf basketball tournament to be held at Jackson, Miss., next year.

An alumnus of ASD, Bell was a top-notch athlete himself in his younger days — he played baseball, track, and, of course, basketball. As a catcher and batter on the school's baseball team he had no equal. He was instrumental in winning the State high school championship in 1915.

Upon graduation, Bell played baseball with several independent teams. His playing attracted the attention of several major league scouts. The coming of World War I curtailed his baseball career and found him holding down a position with the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. in Akron, Ohio.

Before Bell took charge, athletics at ASD were little known outside of Little Rock. With him at the helm these activities became known all over the State and among other schools for the deaf of the nation.

Coach Bell's teams established a fine record in basketball competition with other southern schools for the deaf. Under him ASD won three successive Dixie schools for the deaf basketball tournaments from 1927 to 1929. It showed its supremacy by winning 59 and losing only 12 to hearing teams during those three regular seasons.

We asked Bell to name his all-time ASD cage team. At forwards there are Robert Worrell and Willis Mote. His center is Sherman Westfall, while Merle Goodin and Lonnie Tubb are his guards.

Football was first introduced at the Arkansas school by Bell in 1926. Because of lack of experience it was not until 1930 that his teams began to click. The seasons of 1931, 1932 and 1936 saw powerful grid teams in action.

When Bell resigned in 1938, the mole-skin warriors of ASD under the newly-installed coaching regime of Clyde Van Cleve, a graduate of Oklahoma A & M College, waded through all nine opponents and were undefeated and untied.

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the No. 1 school for the deaf eleven of the 1938 campaign and generally rated as the greatest team in the history of the ASD gridiron.

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Larren Musteen, aged 17 at that time, 148 pounds of football dynamite, 5 feet 8 inches in height, was a whiz at carrying the ball himself. He knocked this way and that, kept plowing on, and was the fireplug of this greatest team.

Alton Smith, also 17, weighing 235 pounds, 6 feet 4 inches in height, was a giant tackle and a sturdy oak on defense, and opened gaping holes on his side of the line time and again. Those who saw Alton in action, on several occasions saw vicious blocks thrown on him in an attempt to block him out of a play, only to have the blocker bound off him like he was a stone wall.

Both of these ASD grid immortals were selected to non-Conference All-State teams.

ASD, by the way, has been winning its share of football games the last four years, and has two coming all-time greats in Franklin Chism and Edward Ketchum. If Chism can avoid injuries it should finish with a mark of nine victories and two losses. Ketchum is a whiz at fullback. His best assist is his terrific blocking. He seems to love to block more than to eat!

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Now as to who is ASD's greatest all-round performer of the past fifty years?

Last year the football team representing the school completed a ten-game season with five victories and five defeats. The five defeats were all administered while the regular quarterback sat on the sidelines with a broken collarbone. The quarterback's name was Franklin Chism, a wiry 5' 10" red-head, who seems to have been born right

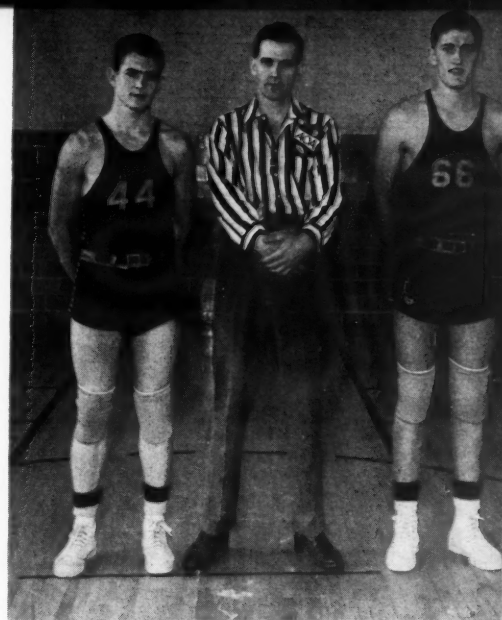
into any sport he plays. He can play anything, and his burning zeal to excel, combined with an accuracy seldom seen in even the best players, make him the greatest all-around player, pound for pound in the school's history.

His specialty seems to be basketball, but there is little likelihood of his smashing Clyde Nutt's record for the most points in one season, since he has to share scoring honors in every game with another terrific player 6' 3" Edward Ketchum. But the cold fact that Chism has to do his own rebounding against bigger players stands him on a pedestal all alone. Several college coaches who have seen him play against high school teams which they were scouting for material have confessed they've never seen the likeness of the bouncing and bobbing red-head. And bouncing and bobbing is what makes him so great on the courts. He can bounce into the air with powerful springs and has startled opposing centers as big as 6' 6", leaping up and taking the ball right out of their hand while they were gathering in rebounds. His favorite shot is to dribble up close to his guard then leap high into the air for a one-hand jump shot. If the guard has him covered, he'll just pass off to Ketchum. They scored well over 700 points between them last season.

As a track man, his speed and leaping talents have enabled him to pace the school in numerous events and he was a member of the school's relay team which established its conference mark for the mile relay last season. His other track talents include the high jump and running broad jump.

His talents extend to the wrestling mats and he has been runner up in the state AAU meet for the past two years, in the 165-pound class.

With another year to go, this red-head surely will add to the laurels he already possesses.



ASD's coming all-time athletic greats. Franklin Chism is No. 44, and the other player is Edward Ketchum, with ASD's present coach, Perl L. Dunn, standing in the middle. Both boys will be aiming at the hoops against high school competition again this winter, and, beginning two years hence, will stampede the AAAD meets—for Little Rock Association of the Deaf, of course!

In conclusion, for the sake of the record, let's mention the names of the members of ASD's 1915 state high school championship baseball team: Jordan (deceased), first base; H. Unger, second base; R. Hutchings, third base; C. Athy, short stop; Charles Nutt, left field; D. Hannah, center field; L. Conaway (now living in Oakland, Cal.), right field; E. Bell, catcher; F. Keathery (the "Ironman" now living in Akron, Ohio, who had a 14 strike-out average per game), pitcher; D. Coats (now vocational principal at the Missouri school), pitcher, and P. Williams, utility. Bossman of this outfit was Frank T. Lux, now on the Fanwood school teaching staff.

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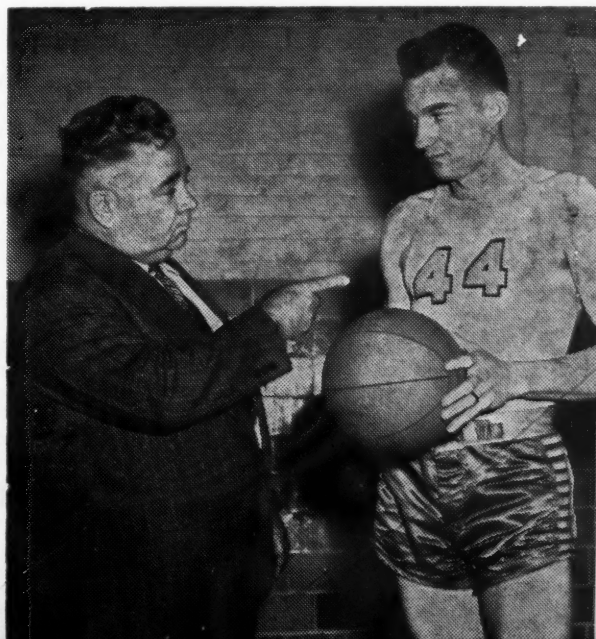
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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dean, Sr., Dallas, Tex., June 10, a boy.  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bynane, Cleveland, Ohio, June 15, a girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. James C. Marvel, Houston, Tex., June 16, a boy.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Blevins, Toledo, Ohio, June 17, a boy.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mayfield, Memphis, Tenn., June 20, a girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Aleide Dube, Portland, Maine, June 26, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Massoletti, Grand Prairie, Tex., June 29, a boy.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Medlin, Dayton, Ohio, July 1, a boy.  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Merritt, Olathe, Kansas, July 7, a girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Holle, Fort Wayne, Ind., July 8, a girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Casco, Philadelphia, Pa., July 9, a girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bible, Austin, Tex., July 20, a girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Ruge, Wichita, Kansas, August 2, a girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cox, Fort Wayne, Ind., August 2, a girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson, Alcoa, Tenn., August 7, a boy.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Riccui, Jr., Worcester, Mass., August 8, a girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Peterson, Salt Lake City, Utah, August 9, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cuscaden, Jr., Washington, D.C., August 20, a girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Berg, Gooding, Idaho, August 21, a boy.  
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Tubergen, Jr., Forest Park, Ill., August 29, a boy.

### MARRIAGES:

Kenneth Norton, Sulphur, Okla., and Miss Audree Bennett, Houston, Tex., June 6.  
Frank Bergerson, Baton Rouge, La., and Rita Boneau, Port Arthur, Tex., June 7.  
Marvin Lambert and Abigail Yowell, New York, N. Y., June 8.  
Walter T. Bush and Norma Koelling, St. Louis, Mo., June 14.  
Otho Penix and Dorothy Krystniak, Houston, Tex., June 18.  
Ray Stillford and Annie Graff, St. Louis, Mo., June 21.  
Ralph Carr and Wanda Stephens, El Paso, Tex., June 25.  
William Scovern, Osceola Mills, Pa., and Shirley Meyers, Glenshaw, Pa., June 28.  
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Russell Mowry, Sedalia, Mo., and Miss Eula Richardson, Fulton, Mo., July 19.  
Howard Pace, Slaton, Tex., and Jackie Ragsdale, Midland, Tex., July 26.  
Hubert Elrod and Mrs. Hulda Roesch, St. Louis, Mo., August 16.  
Irvin M. Semingsen, Jr., and Jeanette H. Hurwitz, Seattle, Wash., August 16.  
William Stifter and Margaret Bean, Waldorf, Md., August 23.  
William L. Brightwell, Los Angeles, and Miss F. Miller, Columbia, Mo., October 4.  
John B. Davis and Miss Beatrice Miller, Chicago, Ill., October 10.  
Lawrence Simpson, Concord, Calif., and Miss Dorothy Kopecky, Berkeley, Calif., Oct. 11.

### DEATHS:

Frank A. Lessley, 71, Denver, Colo., July 6.  
Ella L. Berrer, Hartford, Conn., July 11.  
Mrs. Una Dean Malone, Dallas, Texas, July 22.  
Harry O'Donnell, 73, Cincinnati, O., July 22.  
Joseph V. Donohue, 63, Philadelphia, Pa., July 24.  
Mrs. Jesse D. Hodges, Valley Center, Kansas, July 31.  
Mrs. Anna Harper Yates, 79, Dallas, Texas, August 2.  
Herman W. Scott, Nashville, Tenn., August 4.  
Joseph M. Bretscher, 76, St. Louis, Mo., August 7.  
John F. Davis, 82, Columbus, Ohio, August 7.  
Glen L. Poole, 32, Council Bluffs, Iowa, August 17.  
Andrew M. Bowman, 66, Fort Worth, Texas, August 21.  
Hugh G. Miller, 75, Morgantown, N. C., August 24.  
William E. Young, 66, Dallas, Tex., August 25.  
Mr. Jesse L. Brown, North Redondo Beach, Calif., September 13.  
Frank Thayer, Portland, Ore., September 14.

## AAAD PATTER

Released by Alexander Fleischman, Publicity Director  
American Athletic Association of the Deaf



This column automatically opens the ninth year of AAAD activity on a much enlarged and widely-supported scale. We hold the support of a record-breaking 96 clubs registered with us during the 1951-52 season. Albany Silent Club of New York State is the latest and it conceded to our five long years of urgings. It joined so as to take part in the recent Eastern softball meet. In all these years, we have watched with keen interest the enrollment of member clubs in our fold — a pleasant memory of 74 clubs in 1946. Could we attain the 100 clubs mark in 1953?

During the summer we have been arranging for the coming elections of candidates to our newly-established AAAD Hall of Fame. William E. Hoy, the first electee, expressed his greatest pleasure at the honor bestowed on him and favored us with a photo of himself. It takes considerable time to arrange for annual elections. While preliminary selection forms were in the hands of 27 members of the selection committee, we have yet to hear from a few more. Then a summary of all candidates and a general ballot will be mailed out. It is interesting to note that many of our athletic greats and outstanding coaches of by-gone years have not been forgotten. We expect to make known the new additions to our Hall of Fame either by this month or December.

Besides the considerable work on the Hall of Fame and on the publicity line, we are throwing in our efforts to pave the way for the election of William E. Hoy to Baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y. We have enrolled the support of the Helms Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles and AAAD Secretary-Treasurer Art Kruger in this drive. Connie Mack, who frequently corresponds with Mr. Hoy, is also trying his best in his behalf. Many of us have read THE SILENT WORKER's story on Hoy. If all of us passed the good word along to the sports editor of the local daily newspaper as did Troy E. Hill of Dallas and Art Kruger, we are bound to get some results. The Dallas and the Los Angeles dailies carried full stories on our Hall of Fame selection of Hoy and we were greatly astonished at the space allowed for this. Your director is preparing a publicity release over all the four chief teleneues wires and to all outstanding newspaper sports editors. It would pay lots of dividends if the

deaf in large cities would take THE SILENT WORKER copy to their sports editors and make them become familiar with Hoy.

(It is fine to know that the great AAAD is pushing the effort to have William E. Hoy nominated to the Hall of Fame, and assisting with the movement started by the N.A.D. when, at its 1949 Convention, a motion was made by Harry V. Jarvis and seconded by Ray Grayson that the N.A.D. initiate an effort to get both Mr. Hoy and Luther Taylor into the Hall of Fame. Feeling that Hoy had the longer record and the better chance, the N.A.D. first went to work in Hoy's behalf. The Helms Foundation has cooperated heartily with the N.A.D., and has just completed preparation of reprints of Art Kruger's article in THE SILENT WORKER for distribution among the members of the committee which nominates ball players to the Cooperstown Hall of Fame. With the help of the Helms Foundation, the AAAD, and many others, the N.A.D. officials believe that there is a good chance that Mr. Hoy may finally receive the recognition long due him. — Ed.)

This and that: Congrats to the Golden Tornadoes and Southtown for winning the softball crowns in EAAD and CAAD classics respectively . . . Full accounts of those meets will appear in next month's edition of THE SILENT WORKER . . . There is a growing interest in the coming "Deaf Olympics" to be held at Brussels, Belgium, in 1953 with quite a group of Americans planning for that trip . . . Lou Dyer and Connie Marchione will head the Los Angeles quintet team and John V. Wurdemann and Victor Galloway will have the Washington, D.C., squad under their wings . . . Omaha's cage ace, Don Nurenberger, came to Los Angeles to claim the hand of Eleanor Elmastian as his bride and is presently settled there with a printing job (He is now connected with The Los Angeles Times) . . . Angel Acuna also is in L.A. securing employment in the printing field . . . Up and coming Connie Marchione has assumed the editorship of Club Topics, official organ of the Los Angeles Club of the Deaf, and is writing a "Sportswise" column in it . . . Results of Indiana State Softball tourney: South Bend 14, Kokomo 4; Indianapolis 6, Hammond 4; Kokomo 13, Hammond 3 (third place), and Indianapolis 11, South Bend 9 (championship).

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## Report from the Director of the Home Office Fund Campaign:

A lot of things have happened (all good) between the Austin NAD Convention and now . . . to report all would take pages and pages and your time so I'll try to be as brief as possible.

Many State Associations have had their conventions and the results have been gratifying to the NAD.

1. The NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF CONVENTION held at Morgantown was a humdinger, according to 2nd V.P. Peikoff, who was there. A total of \$3,012.00 in cash and pledges was raised there and the N.C.A.D. voted to pay \$50.00 in back affiliation fees for the years of 1947-1952 to bring itself up to date, and also \$25.00 annually as affiliation dues thereafter. THANKS are due EDWARD W. FARNELL, President, and J. M. VESTAL for their assistance to Peikoff, as well as SUPT. AND MRS. RANKIN of the NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF for their hospitality to him during his visit.

2. The PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY

FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE DEAF had its convention in Philadelphia and 1st V.P. Yolles was invited to make the main speech at its banquet. About three weeks later, the PSAD sent its check for \$100.00 to Robert M. Greenmun, NAD Secretary-Treasurer, as its token of appreciation of services rendered the Society by the NAD in connection with its convention. THAT ISN'T ALL—this makes the second \$100.00 the PSAD has contributed to the NAD—two years in succession. The PSAD has indicated its approval of the NAD's objectives. THANKS.

3. The TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF CONVENTION'S NAD Rally at Nashville with WALLACE NORWOOD and Board Member Kannapell at the helm resulted in \$405.00 in cash and pledges. A letter from MR. NORWOOD spoke highly of the NAD and Kannapell. THANKS, we appreciate the kind remarks.

4. The IOWA ASSOCIATION OF THE

DEAF CONVENTION in Burlington had Secy-Treas. Greenmun as one of its main speakers . . . and its NAD Rally held in the evening was taken over by Board Member Kannapell—\$260.00 in cash & pledges. This IOWA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF was the FIRST State Association to join THE CENTURY CLUB—that was in August, 1950.

5. The MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF CONVENTION in Columbia had a NAD RALLY on its program . . . its first one. Board Members Orrill and Murphy did remarkably well in view of the fact that they lacked NAD materials for distribution. A total of \$75.75 was raised at the Rally. Incidentally, both men are presidents of their state association—MURPHY heading the MISSOURI ASSOCIATION and ORRILL the TEXAS ASSOCIATION.

6. The CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF CONVENTION in OAKLAND, Aug. 30 - Sept. 1, \$50.00. This Association had the AGED DEAF as its top agenda—and this \$50.00 came unsolicited. Five persons approached President Burnes signing up as Life Members of the NAD.

7. The DALLAS SILENT CLUB at its

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8. Just before the Austin NAD Convention, these State Associations joined THE CENTURY CLUB . . . FLORIDA, LOUISIANA, MICHIGAN AND OREGON ASSOCIATIONS OF THE DEAF.
9. The ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF CONVENTION in Toronto was held almost immediately after the NAD Convention. 1st V.P. Yolles attended. EDWARD M. HETZEL of Toledo, Ohio signed up 7 LIFE MEMBERS for the NAD.
10. AND we found a replacement for MRS. BETTY-JO BRAY in the Chicago NAD office—MRS. RENE EPDING . . . also a girl who has offered to work on a part-time basis in the evenings and Saturdays whenever needed—MISS ELSIE BORSNIK. Both girls are well-grounded in Association work by virtue of serving as private secretaries to Public Relations men. More details about them and the man who helped the NAD get its Chicago office properly staffed—in a forthcoming issue.

Mrs. Betty-Jo Bray was forced to leave her NAD job last July to rest up for the coming blessed event—at this time of writing, it hasn't arrived yet. I know all of you will join me in thanking her for her services rendered the NAD and wishing her and her husband much happiness.

A change in the manner of showing the financial standings of the Home Office Fund will be made starting with this issue. Hereafter we will show the net balance along with other details.

As of September 20th, the standings were:

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## Rallies

NAD Rally Nights are being lined up for the coming year and it is hoped that every local group, club, or organization of the deaf will stage a rally at some time during the year and make it an annual affair.

A Rally was held in Syracuse, N. Y., on October 4 and will be reported in these pages in due time. The Northern California Clubs of the Deaf were to hold their Second Annual Rally at Oakland on November 8. Their first rally last year drew practically all the deaf of the northern part of the state and indications were that this year's Rally would at least repeat the success of last year's.

Other Rallies coming up are as follows:

November 15, Atlanta, Georgia.  
November 16, Birmingham, Alabama.  
April 11, 1953, Memphis, Tennessee.

Any group interested in arranging for a Rally for the benefit of the NAD Home Office should write for informa-

tion to the NAD Rally Chairman: G. G. Kannapell, 4111 West Broadway, Louisville 11, Kentucky. If dates are set far enough ahead, they will be published in THE SILENT WORKER.

## Automobile Insurance

Deaf owners of automobiles who carry liability insurance are requested to inform the N.A.D. office as to the name of the firm from which they purchased their insurance. The N.A.D. is compiling such a list in order to be able to answer inquiries from persons desiring insurance.

Late last summer the N.A.D. began an effort to convince a number of insurance concerns as to the reliability of deaf drivers but in the reorganization of the Home Office, this work was temporarily suspended. The effort will be renewed as soon as possible. In the meantime, liability insurance is becoming difficult to obtain, for hearing drivers as well as deaf, due to the large number of accidents and the large damages courts are inclined to award.

## Correction

In our August number a report on the NAD Rally held in St. Louis, Mo., gave the total realized in membership fees and pledges at \$41.00. This was a typographical error. The actual total should have read \$441.00, and we hope the St. Louis folks will forgive us for the oversight.

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# The Answer Box

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## Question for this month:

### How would you help the deaf to improve their language?

If you mean the adult deaf people, frankly I do not know the answer. Sure, you can tell them to read more and write more. But the



result would probably be analogous to that of telling a person to practice over and over on a violin when in the first place he has no love for the instrument.

An experimental language class at a local club for the deaf, which ran a number of years, showed only about two out of ten gaining anything worth while—and these few had, in the beginning, better than average liking for the printed word.

It seems that where the ears lack normal function of receiving spoken words, literary appetite is dulled and the will to write grammatically well receives no mental assistance. The mind has not been impressed with correctly arranged words via the auditory senses and being more or less blank in that respect, any effort toward better language will be a success only if the deaf person possesses a taste for that sort of thing and makes use of it by constant reading and writing.

REV. A. G. LEISMAN,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

I would insist on a great deal more written language in the primary grades. The morning news period would not be a class project so much as an individual project as soon as each child had learned to write a few sentences independently. Every effort would be made to have each child increase the length and fluency of his morning news as quickly as practicable. In the intermediate grades composition would receive greater stress in connection with all of the subjects offered. This would be continued throughout all grades.

I would encourage all the students to do a great deal more reading and call to their attention plays and books which contain a great deal of natural conversation.

I would discourage the use of signs both as a medium of instruction and of conversation, and emphasize the use of finger spelling and writing in addition to lip-reading and acoustic work with those children who have some hearing ability.

BILL MCCLURE,  
Superintendent, Tennessee School  
for the Deaf

Who knows?? The proper answer to your question would be worth a fortune. The matter has been kicked about since education of the deaf began, and present-day results are questionable.

I frankly feel that the young deaf child must be taught to read, write, and think as early as possible. Given a reading and writing vocabulary first, he might well be in position to handle speech-reading and speech. Whether he could or couldn't, he would still be on the road to learning if he could read well and intelligently, and through reading, the child would absorb language. In other words, I would attempt to teach language through reading, and in the classroom I would stress composition rather than grammar, keys, or speech work.

WILL ROGERS,  
Texas School for the Deaf, Austin

I would refer them to the following quotation taken from *The Discourses of Epictetus*: "If you would be a good reader, read; if a good writer, write."

To this I would add, "Use English in every opportunity for conversation. Speak it, finger-spell it, or write it. The secret of language attainment is in language usage."

EDWARD SCOUTEN.

Professor, Gallaudet College, Wash., D.C.

From the standpoint of a classroom teacher I will answer the question by telling what I do each day with my group to help them attain language growth.

First of all I try to have the children develop a feeling for naturalness of expression in both oral and written language. This necessitates giving words or expressions and then expecting the spontaneous use of such when the occasion demands. It is also necessary to teach the children to ask interesting pertinent questions with enough practice in the use of them so that they will ask good questions of their own accord.

Each child writes something original every day. It may be only two or three sentences but each one attempts to express himself differently. Variety of expression is an inspiration to all and helps to establish a feeling for language. Even in the development of a language principle the children write their own sentences. The following paragraph was written by a ten year old girl to show the correct use of the present tense of verbs:

"I have a new red corduroy jacket with gold buttons on it. It has a belt. It looks pretty on me."

This illustrates not only correct usage but vocabulary that will be of value to the child.

MRS. MARGARET WOOD,

Lexington School for the Deaf, New York

The subject, Correct Use of English, is the most vital factor of our educational program. Experience has taught us that because of a



lack of correct English, many of the deaf, when seeking employment, have been given a low rating. A hearing child does not master language through text books but primarily through constant hearing of the spoken word.

It is only by intense effort that a deaf child learns language and

too little effort is put forth in many of our classrooms toward encouraging students to read the type of literature that is within their grasp, that is interesting and worthwhile.

To get full benefit from reading, much latitude must be given for individual choice. To hand a child a book and tell him to read it in order to develop his mind, represents a defeatist policy. A child must accept assignments from text books or literature to gain knowledge of certain vital facts, but a desire for a love of reading does not develop in that manner. An individual has not learned to read, in the truer sense, until he has developed a desire for reading and actually feels a sense of companionship with the characters personified in the book.

We are about to erect a Study Hall-Library Building at the Maryland School. The building will not be a library in the ordinary sense

of the term where shelves in rows are provided for the storage of books. Perhaps it can be called a laboratory for the development of language. In this hall the evening study hour will be conducted under the supervision of a teacher, followed by a recreational period when the boys and girls can mingle, discuss their problems, or read books, papers or magazines, if they so desire. The atmosphere will not be that of the classroom. There will be objects of particular interest for the day on exhibit, and ample bulletin board facilities provided with material that will encourage the use of live language and integrate it with the classroom work.

There is no royal road to the learning of language. Not until a student has mastered written language to the point where he finds real enjoyment in its use, will he readily avail himself of it. Once he has attained that goal, there will be opened up for him an instrumentality of practical value, a pathway of knowledge and a broad vista of pleasure to while away a lonesome hour.

IGNATIUS BJORLEE,

Superintendent, Maryland State School  
for the Deaf, Frederick, Maryland

Reading, reading, reading, writing and more reading! For the very few adult deaf who would try to overcome inertia, jealousy and



resentment of those with higher learning, groups could be organized that would read articles from newspapers and other literature, and then, in their own words, have individuals present them to the group. Criticism, with explanations, would lead to improvement in language.

The best and surest way is to train deaf children to LIKE TO READ. In the nursery, instead of stressing lip-reading exclusively, stress card-reading. Teach the children to KNOW and USE those words. From cards, progress to sentences and to books. Have the children read and read and read, in school and out, until it becomes a fond habit they will continue through life. With reading comes writing and language.

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